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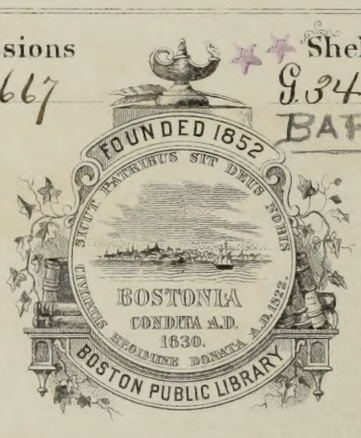

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AMERICA.—Manuscript transcripts of official letters and orders issued to Naval Commanders and others, by His [illegible] the Hon. John Byron, while Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Island of Newfoundland, the Coast of Labrador, &c., &c., bearing dates from 1769 to 1771, thick vol folio, [illegible]

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By the Honble John Byron Commder
in Chief of His Majestys Ships and
Vessels employed and to be employed at and about the
Island of Newfoundland &c

You are hereby required & directed, to put your Self
under my Command, and to follow all such Orders and
directions, as you shall receive from me, for His Majestys
Service. Given under my Hand, this 6th of May 1769.

To
The Respective Captains
and Commanders of His Majestys
Ships the Pearl, Niger, Guadalupe &
Antelope, the Savage and Nautilus Sloops, the Egmont Snow,
Grenville Schoonr.

J Byron

By Command of the Commodore

Hen Stacy

By the Honble John Byron,
Commander in Chief of His Majestys
Ships and Vessels, employed and to be
employed, at and about the Island of
Newfoundland, &c.

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with this
Majestys Ship under your Command to Spithead and to keep
her in Constant Readiness for the Sea. Given under my Hand
this 7th of may 1769.

To Captain Gayton
Commander of his Majestys
Ship Antelope

J Byron

By Command of the Commodore

Hen: Stacy

Another to Capt. Chapman of the
Nautilus.

Signals

When I would Speak with the Captain of any of His Majestys Ships & Vessels undermentioned I will put a broad a Pendant as against her Name ~~is captained~~ If with a Lieutenant the same Signal, and a Weft of the Ensign and for a Boat without an Officer, the Weft will be hoisted but Half Staff.

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Antelope	Savage	Nautilus	Fore } Topmast H
	Egmont	Grenville	Mizen

For all Other Signals I refer you to the General Printed Sailing and Fighting Instructions.

Given under my Hand this 8th of May 1769

J B

To the Respective Captains and Commanders of His Majestys Ships and Vessels &c &c

By the Hon.ble John Byron

Whereas His Majestys Schooner, under your Com.mand has been employed for some years past in making Surveys of the Coasts of the Island of Newfoundland, and Coast of Labrador; and it being intended that She shall be Continued this year upon the same Service, You are Hereby required and directed, to Sail without a moments Loss of Time, and to Carry on the Survey from Chicatica to the Eastward as far as you Can. Conforming your Self to such Orders and Instructi

as you have received from the Commander in Chief of His Majestys Ships employed on that Station, relative thereto. you are to remain on this Service, so long as the Season will permit, and then to make the best of your way for the Harbour of St Johns for further Orders. But if the Westerly Winds shall have set in so strong, as to prevent your reaching that Port, you are to proceed to Deptford, and to acquaint the Secretary of the Admiralty of your Arival. Given under my Hand this 8th of May 1769.

J. B

To
Mr Lane, master of His
Majestys Schooner the Grenville.

By the Honble John Byron &c

Whereas the Kings Shallop which is to be employed under you, may be in want of Stores and Materials for repairing and keeping her in a Condition for Service. you are hereby required and directed, to Cause the Warrant Officers of his majesty Ship under your Command, to furnish such as may be wanted and which they can Conveniently spare, and to discharge themselves of the same in their Expence Books. Given under my Hand this 8th of May 1769.

J B

To
The Captains of the Pearl,
Niger and Nautilus.

Note. The Nautilus has two Shallops.

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To
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Majestys Schooner The Grenville.

J. B

By the Honble John Byron &c

Whereas the Kings Shallop which is to be employed under you, may be in want of Stores and Materals for repairing and keeping her in a Condition for Service. you are hereby required and directed, to Cause the Warrant Officers of his majesty Ship under your Command, to furnish such as may be wanted, and which they can Conveniently spare, and to discharge themselves of the same in their Expence Books. Given under my Hand, this 8th of May 1769.

To
The Captains of the Pearl,
Niger and Nautilus.

JB

Note. The Nautilus has two Shallops.

By The Hono^ble John Byron &c

You are hereby required and directed to Cause the Purser of His Majestys Ship under your Command to Victual at two Thirds of Allowance of all Species Except Beer; all such French Subjects, as shall be arrested Encroching on ... Newfoundland or Fishing beyond their limits and be sent for Security on Board her. Given under my Hand, this 8th of May 1769.

To
Captain Wilkinson of His
Majestys Ship Niger

JB

By the Honble John Byron &c

You are hearby required & directed to proceed with His Majestys Ship under your Command to your former Station on the Coast of the Isle of Newfoundland, from Cape Bonavista to Cape Norman, for the protecting of the Fisheries of His Majestys Subjects on that Station. You are Strictly to Conform yourself to the Several Orders and Instructions which you received last year from Commodore Palliser, and to Continue on that Service, so long as any French Ships shall remain on the Coast within your Station, and then proceed to join me at St Johns. Given under my Hand this 8th of May 1769.

To
Captain Wilkinson
Commander of His Majestys
Ship Niger.

JB

By the Honble John Byron &c
Commander in Chief of His Majestys
Ships and Vessels Employed & to be
Employed at Newfoundland, the
Coast of Labiador, &c &c

You are hereby required & directed on
receipt hereof to proceed with His Majestys Snow
under your Command to St Johns Harbour, and
there wait for further Orders, keeping your
Vessel in Constant Readiness for the Sea; you
are to Leave the Shallop at St Laurence, with
two or three men, to take Care of Her, to be employ'd
by the frigate that will be appointed to that
Station. Given Under my Hand this 9th of May
1769.

To
Lieut^t Alex^r Grome
Commander of His Majestys
Snow Egmont

&

By the Honble John Byron &c

Whereas I am informed that great hindrance
often happens to His Majestys Service as well as
to that of the Merchants, by men Deserting from
them both at Newfoundland. For preventing of
which, you are hereby required & directed, not
to receive on board His Majestys Ship under your
Command, any men that are under Articles to

serve any Inhabitant, Merchant or Boatkeeper, Employed in the Fisheries; and if any Merchant, Inhabitant, Master of Ship or by-Boat-keeper, shall receive or Entertain any of absentees from the Kings Ships, you are to take an Equal number of the Best-men in their service, to serve in their room.

This Order you are to make Publickly known, in all Ports where you may go, immeditly upon your Arrival. Given under my Hand, this 9th of May 1769.

To
The Honble Captain
Gower, Commander of His
Majestys Ship Pearl.

By the Honble John Byron &c

Whereas there is reason to belive that many Foreigners particularly Spaniards have a Shar in Vessels Employed in the Fisheries Coloured under English Names to the great Prejudice of the Trade & Navigation of Great-Britain & of all His Majestys Trading Subjects.

You are hereby required and directed to be very strict in Examining all Ship and Vessels you may meet with to see whether

they are furnished with a Register such as is required by the Act of the 7th & 8th of William 3 to Qualify them to Trade from, and in His Majestys Plantations. And all such as have not such Register you are to Seize and send to St Johns to be proceeded against according to Law, and for your further Guidance, I refer you to the said Act, and also to the Act of the 15th & 16th of George 2 relating to Certificates of Coot Registers. Given under my Hand this 9th of May 1769.

To

The Honble Captain Gower Com^dr
of His Majestys Ship Pearl.

J. B.

By His Excellency the Honble John Byron,
Governor and Commander in Chief in & over
the Island of Newfoundland, the Coast of
Labrador, & all the Territories dependent
thereupon.

Whereas I am informed that the Subjects of France have made it a Practice, to Encroach on His Majestys Territories in Newfoundland, and to Fish on the Coasts thereof, from which by the Treaties subsisting between the two Crowns, they are Expresely Excluded; you are hereby required & directed to Observe, that All French Vessels or Boats which you may have cause to Seize in Pursuance of the Instructions you have received, for Fishing without their Limits or for being found,

in any Port of Newfoundland, to Secure them in some Convenient Place till you Shall have Reported the Circumstances to me and Received my Directions thereupon, and ~~that~~ with respect to all such French Subjects, as you may find on board such Boats or Vessels, or on Shoar in Newfoundland, you are by the very first Opportunity to Land on the Island St. Pierre or Miquelon after having taking the Declarations of at least two of them on Oath, touching the Exact Circumstances under which they have been taken; taking Care that they are no ways Ill treated, or Robbed of their Cloathes. Given under my Hand, this 9th of May 1769.

J. B.

To
The Honble Captain Gower
Commander of His Majestys
Ship Pearl

By his Excellency the Honble John Byron &c

Whereas I have received Authentick Accounts that in the Month of July 1763 a French Ship of War Named the Unicorn Visited several Ports within my Government particularly Chemelia where the Captain of the said Ship Interfered in Matters relative to the Laws and Government of the Country.

In case you should meet with any French Ship of War within the Limits of your Station you are in the most Civil and Friendly manner to enquire of the Captain the Occasion of his Coming, and Should he be driven there by necessity or distress you are to offer him Assistance and every Friendly Office in your Power, but should he pretend to come there for the Protection or defence of French Fishers, or any pretence whatsoever, other than Distress you are to Signifie to him that the Subjects of France resorting to any Part of His Britannick Majestys Dominions to follow any Business or Trade, by Virtue of Treaties Subsisting between the two Nations, are whilst in His Majestys Dominions, under the Protection of His Britannick Majesty Only; And that in Conformity to His Majestys Sentiments, and firm Resolution of maintaining with the utmost Exactness, Probity and good Faith, the Treaties relating to the Fisheries, I shall with an Unbiass pursuit of the true Interest of both Nations, and Impartial Justice to the Subjects of both Crowns, in my Station, Invariably Observe His Majestys Commands upon that Head; but that I cannot permit any Officer, with a Comission from His most Christian Majesty, and with an Armed force

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resort to, or Exercise any Authority, within any part of His Majestys Dominions under my Government, their doing so, being directly Contrary to the Words and Spirit of the 13th Article of the Treaty of Utrecht, By which the Sovereignty, Property & full Possession of this Country, is Ceded to the Crown of Great Britain, and the French Expressly Excluded, from having any Forts or Forces in any part of it; and the Tenor of the whole Article is to provide against the French, Encroaching on His Majestys Territories, and on His Subjects Rights and Privileges, that therefore I will not allow any Foreign Officer, with an Armed Force, to resort to this Country, without first Applying for, and Obtaining the Kings Leave for that purpose In case you should meet with any such Officer within the Limits of your Station, you are to Apoint a reasonable Time for him to depart, beyond which time, you are not to Allow him to stay. and for your justification herein you are to deliver, to him, a Copy of this my Order to you.

Given under my Hand, this 9th of May 1769.

J B.

To
The Honble Captain Gower
Commander of His Majesty
Ship Pearl

By the Honble John Byron &c.

You are hereby required & directed upon your Arrival at the Harbour of St Johns to use the utmost Dispatch in getting His Majestys Snow under your Command ready for Sea, and then to receive on Board her, all such Indian Women & Children as may be at that place, and which were brought there last Year. You are to proceed with them to the Coast of Labrador, as high as the Lat.^d of 54 degrees, and to Land them, wherever you may find any Indian Settlements. During their Continuance with you, you are to treat them with all Tenderness & Humanity, and to Victual them at two thirds Allowance of all species, for which the Purser of His Majesty Ship Tiger will Account with you. As soon as you shall have performed this Service, you are to return to join me at St Johns. Given under my Hand, this 10th of May 1769.

J. B.

To

Lieut Grame

Commander of His Majestys Snow

Egmont

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Ships Stations. 1769

Antelope. Commodore to Rendezvous at St Johns.

Tiger. From Cape Bonavita to Cape Norman,
to Rendezvous in Croque Harbour.

Pearl. From Cape Race to Cape Ray,
to Rendezvous in St Laurence Harbour.

Guadalupe. From Cape Ray to Point Rich, including
the Magdalen Islands, to Rendezvous in york
Harbour, Bay of Islands.

Nautilus. The whole Coast of Labrador from St Johns
River to the Entrance of Hudsons Bay.
including the Island of Anticosti, and the Coast of
Newfoundland, from Point Rich to Cape Norman.

Savage. Upon the Banks rendezvousing at St Johns.

Egmont. Occasional Service.

Grenville. to continue the Survey from Chicatica, to
the Eastward as far as they can during the Sea-

By Honble John Byron &c:

Your are hereby required & directed, to proceed with His Majestys Ships under your Command, to that part of the Coast of Newfoundland, extending from Cape Race to Cape La Hune Ray both inclusive, and strictly to observe the following Instructions vizt.

1.

Whereas I am informed that many of the French Inhabitants of the Islands St: Pierre and Miquelon, immediately after the late Peace, did begin a pr^actice of resorting to, and Wintering in several Places on the Coast of Newfoundland within your Station, where they Built Vessels, Boats and other Craft, insulted and Robbed His Majestys Subjects, And that in the Fall and early in the Spring they Cut down, and carried away great quantities of Timber for all uses, and Rinded the standing Trees; that they also resorted to the Harbours, Bays, Creeks, and Islands all along the Coast within your Station to take Fish, particularly about the Bays of Placentia, Fortune and Despair, and to the Islands Lameline, Brunet, Penguin, Ramea and Burgeo, where they also Robbed our Fishers of their Birds and other Bait: All which being directly Contrary to the Treaties, subsisting between the two Crowns; an encroachment on His Majestys Dominions, and on the Fisheries belonging to His Subjects: You are to use your utmost diligence, to prevent a renewal of those Encroachments (a Stop having been put thereto) by seizing all French Ships, Vessels or Boats which you may at any time find Employed in those Practices.

And Whereas the Subjects of France from the said Islands St. Pierre & Miquelon, besides the abovementioned Encroachments, have been accustomed to resort with Boats, along the Coast of Newfoundland, to Traffick with the Inhabitants to the great prejudice of the Trade, Manufactures and Navigation of this Kingdom; You are to be very diligent in looking after such Illicit Traders and to Seize all French Vessels or Boats that you may meet with, Trafficking or Fishing any where along the Coast within the said Islands St. Pierre and Miquelon, (that is to say such as are Fishing inwards from the said Islands towards the Coast of Newfoundland. But notwithstanding what is directed in this and the preceding Article respecting French Encroachers and Illicit Traders, you are most strictly charged, not to give the least Molestation or hinderence to any French Fishers that you may meet, without the Islands, that is to say; outwards from the said Islands towards the Ocean, from proceeding to take Shelter in those Islands. And you are to allow them a free Passage in and out of their Ports, lying on that side of their Islands which face towards the Coast of Newfoundland, according to the true Meaning of the 5th Article of the Treaty of Paris, 1763.

3.

And whereas I am informed, that the French at the said Islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, have had Supplies of Timber in former years from Newfoundland, by English Boats & Vessels, which being contrary to Law to destroy or Cut down any woods in Newfoundland, except for the use of the Fishery as excepted in the Act of the 10th & 11th of William 3, and as no person has any property therein, nor a right to export any, you are to Seize all Vessels or Boats which you may meet & that are Laden or partly Laden with Wood, taken on bord in Newfoundland, and proceeding therewith towards the said Islands; and with respect to such as may pretend to be carrying Wood from one Port to another in Newfoundland, for the use of the Fishery, you are not to permit them to pass under such pretences, if the said Islands lie in the way, towards the places they may pretend to be bound to.

4th

All His Majestys Subjects are by Law strictly forbid from having any Communication or Trade with the said Islands St. Pierre & Miquelon. Notwithstanding which a very extensive Illicit Trade, was after the late Peace begun with them, as well from the Continent of America from Newfoundland, by which they have had the double Advantage of getting plentifully and Cheaply all Materials for a Fishery, and of introducing French

Goods and Manufactures amongst our People. This Practices being of most fatal consiquences to the Trade and Fisheries of His Majestys Subjects, you are to exert your utmost diligence, to prevent all Trade or Communication with those Islands.

5.

All French Vessels or Boats you may have cause to Seize in Persuance of what is directed in any of the foregoing Articles, for Encroaching, for Fishing without there Limits, or for Illicit Trade, you are to Carry them to some place of Safty, where they are to Remain till Report is made to me of the Circumstances and Cause of Seizure. In the Mean time you are to be very Carefull, there is no loss, waste or Embezzlement of their Cargoes or Materials, and all French Subjects found in any such French Vessels or Boats, you are as soon as possible, to set on Shoar, either on St. Pierre or Miquelon, keeping for my Examination the Men of Boats and the Master and one Man belonging to Vessels of Twenty Tuns or upwards, if Seized for Illicit Trade, or for Fishing on the Coast; ~~and you are to take to each Vessel you shall take~~ together with all the Ships Papers. But for Landing to Cut Wood &c. with respect to such as you shall take you are to send them all away, keeping an Account of their Names, and the Circumstances of their being taken to be laid before me. All English Vessels or Boats

you may have cause of Seizing for Illicit Trade, or for Communicating with the Islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, you are to send to St Johns, to be proceeded against according to Law. After three of the people have been Examined in the Admiralty Court, touching the cause of Seizure, all the People may go where they please, but no French Vessels whatever, are to be sold or disposed of, til the case has been laid before me —

6th

Whereas I am informed, that a great numbers of our Inhabitats and Fishermen at Newfoundland, working under Merchants Suppliers, are largly in Debt without a possiblity of ever being able to Work themselves clear. Several of them after the Peace had, and it is feared many more may, engage to Fish for the French, or hereafter will mix with, and be wholly employed for the French, both for Fishing and for Clandestine Trade, to the utter ruin of the Fisheries, Trade and Navigation of His Majestys Subjects, in those parts. For preventing of which in case you meet with any Vessels or Boats within your Station, that has on Board a Mixture of English and French Subjects, or if all English, but under suspicious Circumstances of being Deserters, or Employed as above, you are to Carry them into the nearest Port, and call to your Assistance, the Admirals of the Port and justices of the Peace if there are any, and Strictly to Examine the People, found in such Vessels or Boats

with any others, that can give information relating to them. and if it appears by evidence upon Oath, that such Boats or Vessels, with their Materials or Fish in them, have been stolen from any British Subjects in Newfoundland, you are immediately to restore the same to the right Owners, and in that case, to secure the Persons concerned in such Robbery in Order to their being tryed for such Robbery at the general Assizes.

7th

I recommend it to you in all your proceedings, in Execution of the foregoing Articles, to be very Careful to prevent any Cruel, unjust, or Ill treatment to any of His Majestys Subjects, or to the Subjects of His most Christian Majesty; and likewise to prevent any Embezzlement, Damage or Loss by your People of any Goods or Effects, in any Vessels or Boats, that you may have occasion to search, Seize or detain.

8th

In case you should at any time receive any Letters or Messages from the Governor of St Pierre, or from any other Officer or Subject of His most Christian Majesty, you are to make no other Answer thereto, but that you will lay it before me as soon as possible, and that they may depend on any immediate Answer, and that in the mean time, none of his most Christian Majestys Subjects, will be Molested or hurt who are

not found encroaching or otherwise offending. But you are not to enter into any Correspondence, or to reply to any particular Points, respecting the Kings Service, upon which they may require your Answer.

9th

You are to procure the exactest State you can, of the French Inhabitants and Fishery at St. Pierre and Miquelon, and of every thing relating to their Proceedings at those Islands, particularly whether they have Landed or Mounted any Cannon, Raised any Forts, Batteries or Works, other then Buildings for the use of their Fishery, or if they have any Naval Establishment, or Magazines of Naval Stores; whether the Guard of Soldiers for the Police, exceeds Fifty Men All which, together with any interesting Accounts of their Proceedings or designs, you are to transmit to Me, as often as Opportunity offers.

10th

Placentia

The Shallop at St. Laurence you are to take Care of, and to employ as you may see convenient in the Harbours and Bays along the Coast, within your Station and you are not to employ her upon any Account about St. Pierre or Miquelon but when you are immediatly in the Neighbourhood yourself that is, at Grand, Jarvis or St. Laurence; Charging the Officer commanding her, never to Land at those Islands but when you shall see occasion to send them thither; which you are hereby directed not to do, but on very important Occasions, when the Service may require it

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11th

If you should hear of any of the Mickmack or Cape Breton Indians, being on the Coast within your Station, you are to endeavour to drive them away, and to Order them to Return to their own Country, agreeable to the Orders given them in the year 1763. The Governor of Halifax having complained to My Predecessor of their Landing heretofore at Newfoundland, and of their having held Correspondence with the French, at St. Pierre and Miquelon.

12th

It having been represented by several Adventurers to the Fishery in and about Fortune Bay, that it will be of great prejudice to them, if they are not permited to send their Boats to Fish, on all the Banks within the Islands St. Pierre and Miquelon, as their Voyages principally depend thereon, and apprehending they are excluded therefrom, because those Banks lie within two Leagues of those Islands, and pray they may be permitted to Fish there as usual: In Answer to which application, they have been informed, that in order to preserve that Coast Fishery intire to our People, Notice has been given to the French, that they will not be suffered to Rob the British Subjects of any part of the Fishery on that Coast, and that they are not to send their Boats to Fish, any where between the Islands and the Coast of Newfoundland. Therefore Conformably to this, you are to permit our People to Fish upon those Banks, and use your best endeavours, to prevent any of them, from having any dealings of any

kind with the French, and to inform them, that if they have, it will occasion restraints to be laid on them all.

13.

You are to continue on the Station, so long as the Season will permit; Taking care to join me at St Johns by the Middle of October. Given under my Hand this 10th of May 1769.

J. B.

To
The Honble Captain Gower,
Commander of His Majestys
Ship Pearl.

A List of Papers referred to, in the foregoing Instructions.

No.
1 Order, not to entertain any Deserters from the Fishing Ships
2. Order to Victual French Subjects, taken for Fishing beyond their Limits, or for encroaching on Newfoundland.
3. Order how to proceed with respect to French Men of War
4. Order to furnish Stores to the Shallop.
5. Signals.
6. Order to secure French Vessels & Boats that may be Seized for Fishing beyond their Limits.
7. Order to Examine Ships Registers.
8. Copy of the 5th & 6th Articles of the Treaty of Paris.
9. Form for a List of French Ships & Vessels spoke with.

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By the Honble John Byron

You are hereby required and directed, to proceed without loss of time, with His Majestys Sloop under your Command to Plymouth Sound, and there to use every fair means in your power, for procuring Seamen to compleat your Complement. Upon your Arrival you are to acquaint me by Letter, and to keep her in constant readiness for the Sea. Given under My Hand this 17 of May 1769.

J. B.

To
Captain Chapman
Commander of His Majestys
Sloop Nautilus.

By the Honble John Byron &c^a

You are hereby required and directed, to proceed with His Majestys Sloop under your Command to St^t Johns Harbour in Newfoundland, and after compleating your Beer and Water, to repair to your Station on the Grand Bank, there to Cruize from the Latitude of 47 to 44 Degrees North^ly. Also along the Coast of Newfoundland from the Harbour of St^t Johns to Cape Race, for Protecting the Fisheries of His Majestys Subjects. In the execution of which Service, you are to observe the following Instructions.

1.

If you shall hear of any Piratical Vessels upon your Station, you are to use your utmost Endeavours to take or Destroy them.

2.

You are agreable to an Act of Parliament, of the 10th & 11th of Ill.m the 3, intitulid, an Act to encourage the Fishery & Trade to Newfoundland, to be Aiding & Assisting to the Admirals, Vice Admirals & Rear Admirals of the respective Harbours as need shall require, in preserving the Peace & good Goverment among the seamen & Fishermen, & in apperhending Offenders.

3.

Whereas no foreign Ships or Vessels whatever, except such as is herein after mentioned have any Right to Fish at or about Newfoundland, and the Commanders of the Kings Ships having at all times past been directed not to allow of their Fishing in those parts. It is therefor His Majestys pleasure, that you take especial care to prevent the same, and that this Order given herein be strictly complied with. And if you Shall Meet with any Foreign Ships, within your Station, you are to Seize and bring them to me at St Johns, excepting such Ship & Vessels as belong to the Subjects of His Most Christian Majesty, & that shall be Fishing agreable to the 13th Article of the Treaty of Utrecht in 1713, & to the 5th & 6th Articles of the Treaty of Paris in 1763.

4

You are to use your utmost Endevours to prevent all Clandestine Trade within your Station, and to keep an account of all French Vessels that you may Speak with, according to the form which you will herewith receive;

getting from them, the best Information you can of the number of Ships & men employed on the Banks from the Several Ports in France; by which with your own Remarks, of the numbers you may see there, & such Accounts as I shall get by other means, I may be enabled to Lay before His Majesty, an Account of the State of this Branch of the French Fishery.

5.

You are also to collect an Account of the State of our Fishery at ye several Ports within your Station, Accordg to ye Schemes which you will herewith receive, in which ye Admirals of ye Harbours, His Majestys Justices of the Peace & Naval Officers, will assist you.

6

You are by every means in your power, to encourage & oblige the British Fishermen, to return to Europe. And upon no consideration whatever, to Suffer them to be Employed to the Colonies, by the Ships & Vessels employed from thence.

7.

You are to return to St. Johns, at the end of every Month, there to compleat your Beer & Water, and then to proceed agreable to these & such farther Orders as you may receive. Given under my Hand, This 19th of May 1769.

To
Captain Hamond,
Commander of His Majestys
Sloop Savage

A List of Papers referred to in the foregoing Instruc=tions

No 1 Order not to entertain Men Employed in the Fishery

2 Signals

3 Order how to proceed with respect to Ships Rejester

4 Form for an Account of French Ship & Vessels spoke with.

5 Schemes of the Fishery.

Savage Sloop, Orders &c

No 1

By His Excellency the Hon.ble John Byron Governor and Commander in Chief in & over the Islands of Newfoundland &c &c

Notice is hereby given to the Masters of all Vessels Trading to & from America that they are not to carry any Men Passengers from this Country; and that in Pursuance of His Majesty express Commands to Me to cause all such Vessels to depart from this Country when I do, they are accordingly hereby strictly charged to depart on or before the first day of November in every year hereafter and the Master of all such Vessels are before their departu to enter into proper Engagements with the Naval

Officers for Complying with the Kings Comman
not to Carry any Men Passengers to America excep
such as may have Leave from me only in Writing.

Given under my Hand
this 27th of May 1769

J. B.

To
The Captains of His Majesty
Ships on their respective
Stations who are to see this
Order Complyed with &
Made Publick

By the Honble John Byron
Commander in Chief of His
Majestys Ships & Vessels Emplo
and to be Employed at Newfoud
Land &c &c

Whereas the Subjects of France frequently leav
in the North part of Newfoundland, between Cape
Bonavista and Point Riche Vessels, Salt & other
Effects after the Fishing Season is over, also
Winters Crews for Fitting and Building Fishing
Craft, all which is Contrary to the Treaties Subsist
ing between the Crowns of Great Britain
and France & Encroachment on His Majestys
Territories.

You are hereby required & directed to
Seize any Vessels, Salt or other Effects left in the
Country after the Fishing Season is over, and that
their Ships have left the Coast, (Boats only excep

which His Majesty has been pleased to permit them to leave) also all Vessels or Craft Built by them in the Country and send them to St Johns to be proceeded against according to Law and to His Majesty's Instructions to me in those respects.

Given under my Hand this 27th of May 1764

J B

To Capt. Chapman Commander of His Maj.ty Sloop Nautilus.

By the Hon.ble John Byron &c.

You are hereby required & directed with the first Opportunity of Wind and Weather to proceed with His Majesty's Sloop under your Command to your Station on the Coast of Labrador from the River St. Johns to the Entrance of Hudsons Bay including the Island of Anticosti and the North West Coast of Newfoundland from Point Rich to Cape Norman for the Protection of His Majestys Subjects employed in the Fisheries and to observe the following Instructions Viz.t

1.

You are first to proceed to St. Johns Harbour in Newfoundland & after compleating your Beer & Water you are to take under your Care the Shallop which was left there the last year by the Merlin Sloop and then to make the best of your way to Pitts Harbour and to employ her as you may see best within

your Station, taking care to send her along Shoar from Cape Norman to Point Rich with an Officer in her to collect Accounts of the Fishery at the several Harbours agreable to the Form sent you herewith.

2 -

You are to encourage and support the Fishing Admirals in the respective Harbours in their Authority that they hear & determine in the first instance all disputes & Controversies that may arise about Room &c^a^ And in cases of Appeal to you from such determinations you are to decide According to the Rules prescribed in the Act of the 10th & 11th of William the 3^d^ commonly called the Fishing Act which is herewith inclosed and to the true intent and meaning thereof which is that all Fishing Ships may be accommodated in the best manner possible and by no means to be liable to have their Voyages overthrown always taking especial Care to discountenance & prevent as much as in you lies all Litigious and Vexatious Complaints and unwarrentable Obstructions to each other which is to common among the Adventurers to the great Detriment of all the parties concerned in the Fishery.

3.

All other Disputes or Controversies that may arise within your Station & which are not provided for in the Act, which may require immediate determination for preventing obstruction to the Fishery or for preserving the Peace, You are hereby Authorized to hear and determine the same in a Summary way, According to the Customs and usages of the Fishery and as Shall appear to you to be equitable and just, and to transmit to me an Account of your proceedings. But you are not to meddle with any Disputes relating to Accounts current between Merchants and Traders, but to leave them to be adjusted by the proper Courts of Law.

4.

You are also hereby Authorized to preserve the Peace and good Order and to prevent all Acts of Violence among the Fishers as well within the respective Harbours as on the Shore, and to apprehend all capital Offenders and to bring them to me with the Witnesses of the Facts charged against them in order to their being tryed at the Assizes at St. Johns.

5.

With respect to Disputes that may arise between Fishermen & their Masters, you are to observe that no Men are to be discharged in that Desolate Savage Country, that all Masters when the time for which their Men agree

to serve Shall expire, are either to carry them Home or to provide them with a Passage in a nother Ship, and that no Men are to be Liable to be Necessitated or compelled to stay.

6. You are to Collect for my information the exactest State you Possible can of all ye Fishery within your Station, and to report to me all other interesting Information relating thereunto.

7. And whereas it appears to me that ye Small traffic to be got from an intercourse with the Esquimaux Savages is not an Object of consideration equal to that of Securing our Adventurers from being Molested or Disturbed by them in ye Fishery, which they would always be exposed to, by Admitting those Savages to follow their Custom of Coming Yearly along the Coast to traffic with small Quantities of Whale Bone, to facilitate their Designs of Robbing, Plundering & Murdering our People; You are to employ the Shallop which was built last year at york fort in Pills Harbour, to cruize about the Islands next to ye Northw^d of Cape Charles, & not to permit any of ye Esquimaux to pass to ye Southw^d of that Place 'till you shall receive further Instructions upon that head. The purport of this Article is Necessary to be made known among our People for quieting their Apprehensions about those Savages.

8.

All French Ships, Vessels or Boats that you may find either at the Island of Belle Isle, or on the Coast Labrador without their Limits, you are to Seize with their Effects, & to secure the same in the best manner you may think advisable. The Papers you are to send or to transmit to me and such Subjects of France as you shall take in them you are to detain 'till you shall meet with an opportunity of sending them to their respective Ships, taking from at least two of them an Attestation upon Oath, of the Circumstances of their being taken, which you are to transmit to me.

9.

And whereas I am well informed, that the Subjects of France frequently leave in the North part of Newfoundland between Cape Bonavista & Point Rich Vessels, Salt & other Effects after the Fishing Season is over, Also Winter Crews for Fitting & Building Fishing Craft all which being contrary to the Treaties subsisting between the Crowns of Great Britain & France, & an Encroachment on His Majesty Territories, you are hereby directed to Seize any Vessels, Salt, or other Effects left in the Country after the Fishing Season is over, & their Ships Shall have left the Coast (Boats only excepted, which His Majesty has been pleased to permit them to leave) also all Vessels and Craft built by them within my Goverment ## the Materials whereof being the produce of Newfoundland or the Islands & Country dependent thereupon, and to send them to St. Johns, to be proceeded against according to Law, & to His Majesty Instructions to me in those respects

You are to use your best Endeavours to prevent all Clandestine Trade, and to keep an account of all French Ships & Vessels that you may Speak with, according to the Form which you will hereafter Receive By which with your own Remarks of the Number you may see there, & such Remarks I shall get by other Means, I may be enabled to lay before His Majesty an Account of the State of this Branch of the French Fishery. 11.

And whereas a Fort is established at Pitts Harbour, called York Fort, with a Gaard of two Officers & 20 Men, you are at all times to afford them such Assistance as they may require, consistently with the Service you are employed upon. 12.

And as Disputes frequently happen among the Fisher=men both English & French, in that part of Newfound=land within your Station, about the Taking of Bait. For putting a Stop to such disputes for the future, you are to cause one of the Proclamations herewith sent you, to be delivered to each of the Admirals of the Ports both English & French, & to Make the same Publick as may be.

Given under my Hand this 27th of May 1769.

To Captain Chapman Commander of His Majestys Sloop Nautilus

J. B.

A List of Papers referred to in the foregoing Instructions

No. 1 ... Order respecting Ships Registers.

2 ... Order to Victual French Subjects, arrested for Fishing beyond their Limits.

3 ... Order not to engage men employed in ye Fishery.

4 ... Order to repair the Shallops, out of the Sloops Stores.

5 ... Signals.

6 ... Forms for keeping an Acc^t of French Ships & Vessels Spoke with at Sea.

7 ... Schemes of the Fishery.

8 ... The 5th & 6th Articles of the Treaty of Paris.

9 ... The 13th Article of the Treaty of Utrecht.

10 ... Act of Parliament of the 10th & 11th of W^m the 3^d.

11 ... Proclamation for regulating the intermingled Fishery, between Cape Bonavista & Point Rich.

12 ... Proclamation for the Americans not to carry any Passengers &c^a.

Mem^d

You are to continue on the Station perscribed by the foregoing Instructions, so long as any Fishing Vessels shall remain upon the Coast, taking care to join me at St. Johns by the middle of October.

Given under my Hand this 29th of May 1769.

J. B.

To
Captain Chapman
Commander of His Majestys
Sloop Nautilus.

By the Honble John Byron &c

You are hereby required & directed with the first Opportunity of Wind & Weather, after His Majestys Ship under your Command shall be fit for the Sea, to proceed to your Station, from Cape Ray to Point Rich on the West Coast of Newfoundland, including the Magdalen Islands; for Protecting the Fisheries of His Majestys Subjects and to observe the following Instructions. Viz^t

1.

You are first to proceed to York Harbour in the Bay of Islands, there to compleat your Beer & Water. And you are to visit the Ports of Caderoy, Port Saunders, the Magdalen Islands, & any other Harbours & Bays that you may think proper, within your Station. You are to use your utmost Care & diligence, to prevent the French, from resorting to any place to ye Southward of Point Rich, and from encroaching on that part of His majestys Dominions; also from Fishing within the Distance of 3 Leagues from any of the Coasts and Islands, in the Gulph of St Lawrence, agreable to the Tenor & Instructions of the several Articles of the Treaties of Utrecht & Paris, which are herewith delivered you.

2. You

You are to use your best Endeavour to prevent all Clandestine Trade, observing the several Acts of Parliament relating thereto, for your Guidance.

3.

Whereas I have received certain Information, that the French Vessels from St. Pierre & Miquelon fishing in the Gulph, do carry on a Clandestine Trade with our Canadian & New England Fishers, for dried Fish, Furs & other Commodities, for which they are paid with French Goods and Manufactures; & that this illicit Trade, is carried on mostly, at & about the Magdalen Islands; by which means, French Goods & other Articles, the produce of France are introduced into all the Colonies, to the Great Prejudice of British Manufactures, and as this pernicious Trade must be perverted if possible; you are to Seize & send to me, all French Vessels, that you may meet with within your Station, having on board Dry Fish, Furs, or any Goods whatever, other than Wet Fish, Fishing Tackle, Salt & Provisions.

4.

You are to collect an Account of all the Fishers at the different Ports within your Station, according to the Schemes you will receive herewith, in which the Admirals of the Harbour, the Justices of the Peace, & Naval officers will assist you. And in your Accounts of the Magdalen Islands, you are to be as particular as possible, as to the Number of People employ

there, distinguishing those from Old England, from those employed from NewEngland and the Acadians. When there, you are also to get the best Information you can, of the Number of French Vessels, that are employed Fishing in the Gulph, where they mostly Fish, what Success they have had, and any other Particulars you can learn, relating to this Branch of the Fisheries; and whether they keep at the Distance from those Islands, prescribed by the Treaties, for my Information.

5.

In case any Complaints are made to you, relative to Fishermens Wages, you are to Administer Justice in such cases, agreable to the Surrogates Commission, which you will herewith receive, authorizing you to do so. Observing to hear & determine such as relates to Men who came into the Country this Season, & others who may want to return to Europe, in preference to those who have Wintered in the Country. and you are to use all y^r^ means in your power, to encourage Men to return to Europe.

6.

You are to encourage & support the Fishing Admirals in their authority, in the respective Harbours, that they hear & determine in the first instance, all Disputes & Controversies, that may arise about Room &c^a^. And in Cases of Appeal to you, from such determinations, you are to decide, according to the Rules & Regulations, prescri-

in the Act of the 10th & 11th of William the 3, commonly called the Fishing Act, and to the true intent & meaning thereof; which is, that all Fishing Ships may be accommodated in the best manner possible, & by no means to be liable, to have their Voyages overthrown. Always taking care, to discountenance & prevent as much as in you lies, all litigious & vexatious Complaints & unwarrantable Obstructions to each other, which is too common among ye Adventurers, to the great Detriment of all ye parties concern'd in the Fisheries. and you are not to Meddle with any Disputes, relating to Accounts Current between Merchants & Traders, but to leave them to be adjusted by the proper Courts of Law.

7.

You are also hereby Authorized to preserve the Peace & good Order, & to prevent all Acts of Violence among the Fishers, as well within the respective Harbours as on the Shore; and to happrehend all Capital Offenders & to bring them to me, with the Witnesses of the Facts charged against them, in order to their being tried, at the Assizes at St. John's.

8.

All French Vessels or Boats, that you may have cause to Seize, for fishing without their Limits, or for being found in any Port of Newfoundland, you are to secure in some Convenient place, or to send them to St. Johns, as shall be most Convenient to you. And with respect to all such French Subjects, as you may find on board such Boats

or Vessels, or on Shoar in Newfoundland, you are by the very first opportunity to send either to the Islands St. Pierre & Miquelon, or to the fishing Ports to the Northward of Point Rich, where they may procure them selves a Passage to France, after having taken the Declarations of at least two of them on Oath, Touching the exact Circumstances under which they may have been taken; taking care that they are no wise ill Treated or Robbed of their Cloaths

9.

You are to continue on your Station so long as any Fishing Ships Shall remain upon the Coast taking care to join me at St Johns by the Middle of Oct.r

Given under my Hand on board His Majestys Ship Antelope at Spithead, this 2 of June 1769

To Captain Cornwallis Commander of His Majestys Ship Guadalupe.

J.B.

A List of Papers Refered to in the foregoing Instruction & delivered herewith.

1 --- The 13th Article of the Treaty of Utrecht.
2 --- The 5th & 6th Articles of the Treaty of Paris.
3 --- The Act of the 10th & 11th of William the 3.
4 --- Order not to entertain men employed in the Fishery
5 --- A Proclamation for the American Ships not to carry any Passengers.

6 ... Order to Victual French Subjects for encroaching on Newfoundland &c.
7 ... Order concerning Ships Registers.
8 ... Order relating to French men of War within your Station.
9 ... Form for a List of French Ships spoke with at Sea.
10 ... Schemes of the Fishery.
11 ... Surrogates Commission & Instructions.

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By His Excellency The Hon.ble John Byron
Governor and Commander in Chief in and over
(L9) the Island of Newfoundland, the Coast Labrador
&c. &c. &c.

By Virtue of the Power and Authority to me given, I do hereby constitute and appoint you the Hon.ble William Cornwallis to be my Deputy or Surrogate with full Power and Authority to assemble Courts within all that District, Situated on the West Coast of Newfoundland, from Cape Ray to Point Rich and also at the Magdalen Islands, to enquire into all such Complaints as may be brought before you (except such as are excepted in the Instructions annexed) and to hear and determine the same to all intents and purposes as I myself might or could do By Virtue of the Power and Authority Vested in me, you have likewise Power and Authority to Seize and detain in order to proceed to Condemnation all uncustomed, prohibited, or Run Goods

that may be found within the aforesaid Limits or Ports adjacent. and I do give and grant unto you William Cornwallis full Power and authority to administer the several Oaths to any Person or Persons you shall think fit, agreable to the several Acts of Parlament made in that behalf. & I do strictly enjoin all Admirals of Harbours, all Justices of the Peace, all officers Civil & Military, & all other His Majesty Liege Subjects, to be aiding & assisting unto you the said William Cornwallis & to obey & put into execution, all such Lawfull Orders as you shall give unto them, as I myself might or could do, By Vertue of ye Power & authority Vested in me.

Given under My Hand and Seal
this 2 day of June 1769.

J.B

Instructions.

In all cases that may be brought before you and that are not provided for in the Act of the 10th & 11th of William the 3
You are to take to your assistance the Justices of the Peace where there are any and to determine them according to the established Regulations Customs and usages of the fishery and as it shall appear to you to be equitable & just. But all cases of Disputes, relating

to any exclusive Right to, or Property in any Fishing Works, Rooms or Land, or concerning Rent, Leases, Mortgages or Sales of Fishing Works or Places are to be Referred to me.

2

The Inhabitant Boatkeepers Servants Wages are always to be Paid according to their Shiping Papers, in preference to Debts; and all other Claimes and in case of any Doubt of the Masters being able to Draw good Bills for Payment thereof, the Produce of the Voyage must make good the Servants Wages, in preference to all Debts or Demands whatever; and according to Ancient Custom the Servants of Inhabitant Boatkeepers, are justified in detaining on the Room, the whole Produce of the Voyage, till the Ballance of their Wages shall be Secured to them.

3.

You are to transmit to me, a Copy of all the Causes that may be brought before you, with your Decrees thereon.

4

In case the Justices & principal People, at any Port within your District, present to you any Persons that are useless to the Fishery, who entertain Rogues and Thieves, and that Live mostly by Spoil and Plunder, and by entertaining the Fishermen and Seamen in Debaucheries, Idleness and Wickedness, to the great Detriment of the Fishery, you are to Seize on so much

of the Seats of such People, to pay for them & their Families passage home; & to Ship them off for their respective Homes accordingly, with a Vagrants Warrant, Signed by you, certifying that their Passage are Paid. For the other part of your Instructions, I refer you to those annexed to your Sailing Orders. Given under my Hand on board His Majesty Ship Antelope at Spithead, this 2 of June 1769.

J B

To The Honble Captain Cornwallis

By the Honble John Byron &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to receive on Board His Majestys Ship under your command and bear on her Books, my self, Secretary Retinue and Servants, not exceeding in the whole fifteen Persons, which are to be reckoned over and above the Compliement of the Ship. And you are to cause the Purser of her to Victuale them as the Ships Company. Given under my Hand this 28th of May 1769.

John Byron

To
Captain Gayton
Commander of His Majesty's
Ship Antelope.

By Command of the Commodore

By the Honble John Byron,
&c &c &c.

You are hereby required and directed, to take the Charge and Command of Acting Lieutenant on Board His Majestys Ship Antelope, next in Command to the third Lieutenant, strictly charging all the Officers & Ships Company subordinate to you, to behave themselves jointly & severally in their respective Employments with all due respect and Obedience unto you their said Acting Lieutenant. And you are to observe & execute, as well the General Printed Instructions, as what orders & directions you shall receive from your Captain, or other your superior Officer for His majesty's Service. Given under my Hand on Board the said Ship at Sea, this 10th of June 1769.

J Byron

To
Mr Richard Creyk
Midshipman on Board His Majesty's
Ship Antelope, hereby appointed acting
Lieutenant of Her till farther Order.

By Command of the Commodore
H. S.

By His Excellency the Honble John Byron,
Governor and Commander in Chief,
in and over the Island of Newfoundland,
the Coast of Labrador, &c. &c.

A Proclamation.

Whereas it has been represented unto the King, that His Subjects residing in the said Island of Newfoundland, instead of cultivating such a Friendly entercourse, with the Savages inhabiting that Island as might be for their Mutual Benefit and Advantage, do treat the said Savages, with the greatest Inhumanity,

and

and frequently Destroy them without the least Provocation or Remorse. In order therefore to put a Stop to such Inhuman Barbarity, and that the Perpetrators of such Atrocious Crimes, may be brought to due Punishment; It is His Majesty's Royal Will and Pleasure, that I shou'd express his Abhorrence of such inhuman Barbarity. And I do strictly enjoin and require, all His Majesty's Subjects, to Live in Amity and Brotherly Kindness, with the Native Savages of the said Island of Newfoundland. I also command and require, all Officers and Magistrates to use their utmost diligence to discover and apprehend, all Persons who may be Guilty of Murdering any of the said Native Indians, in order that such Offenders, may be sent over to England, to be tried for such Capital Crime, as by the Statute of the 10th and 11th of William the third, for encouraging the Trade to Newfoundland, is directed. Given under my Hand, at the Court House at St. Johns, this 8th day of July 1769.

By His Excellency's command J.B.

Hen^y Stacy.

By His Excellency the Honble John Byron,
Governor and Commander in Chief
in and over the Island of Newfoundland, the Coast of Labrador &c^a

Whereas Complaint has been made to the King, that the American Traders do still continue to entice and carry thither numbers of Handicraft-Men, Seamen and Fishermen from Newfoundland: And whereas this practice must be prevented: Notice is therefore hereby given, that in obedience to His Majesty's commands to me, all Masters of American Ships and Vessels before their Departure from this Country, shall enter into Obligations with the Naval Officer of the Port, not to carry away any Men Passengers whatsoever, without Permission in writing from me for so doing. I do likewise require and command, that all such American Ships and Vessels as may be in Newfoundland, do Sail from thence on or before the first day of November in every Year hereafter; as in case of failure herein, and due proof of the Breach of the Obligations entered into as aforesaid, the necessary Steps will be taken, for carrying this Prohibition and command effectually into execution. And I do strictly enjoin and require, the Commanders of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels on their respective Stations, to see this Order complied with, and made as Public as possible. Given under my Hand at St Johns this 7th of July 1769.

By His Excellency's Command J. B.

Hen^y Stacy

By His Excellency the Hon.ble John Byron
Governor and Commander in Chief in
and over the Island of Newfoundland
the Coast of Labrador &c &c &c

Whereas it has been represented unto the King that
Forreigners are Sharers in the Fishery and Commerce of the
said Island of Newfoundland by being part Owners of
Ships employed therein under English Names, by means
whereof the said Ships are supplied from Foreign Countries
with all kind of Materials, as well for the use of the Fishery
as for the use of the said Vessels. It is therefore His Majesty's
Royal Will and Pleasure, and you are in obedience
thereto, hereby directed and required, to make the most
diligent enquiry into the Nature and Extent of such illicit
practice and unwarrantable Combination within your
Station, and Report the result of such Enquiry to me,
for His Majesty's information. And in Order to put
a stop to such unlawful Proceedings, and to take the
most effectual Measures for the Discovery and prevention
thereof, You are to Seize all such Ships and Vessels as you
shall meet with, that are not furnished with a Register,
or a Certificate that such Register is Lost, and to send
them to St. Johns, to be proceeded against according to Law.
And for your Guidance I refer you to the Acts of the
7th and 8th of Will.m the 3: C. 22: and the 15th of George
the 2: Cap.t 31st Given under my Hand at St. John
this 6th of July 1769.

J. Byron

To the respective Captains
& Commanders &c.

By His Excellency the Hon.ble John Byron
Governor and Commander in Chief in and over
the Island of Newfoundland in America,
and all the Coast of Labrador, from the
Entrance of Hudsons Streights, to the River
St Johns, which discharges itself into the
Sea nearly opposite the West end of the
Island of Anticosti, including that Island,
with any other small Islands on the said
Coast of Labrador, and also the Islands of
Madelaine, in the Gulph of St Lawrence,
as also of all the Forts and Garrisons erected
and established, or that shall be erected and
established in the said Islands, or on the Coast
of Labrador within the Limits aforesaid.
And Commander in Chief of His Majesty's
Ships and Vessels, employed and to be employed
within the said Limits.

Whereas His Majesty by His Instructions to former Governors, thought fit to direct that in all Things regarding the Fishery which the Subjects of France, were by the Treaty of Utrecht in 1713, and that of Paris 1763. allowed to carry on upon those parts of the Coast of Newfoundland, which stretch from the place called Bonavista, to the Northern point of the said Island, and from thence running down by the Western side reach as far as the place called Point Riche in the Latitude of 50 ° 30 ' North, they should conform themselves with great care and attention, and with Justice to the Subjects of both Crowns, as well to the Stipulations contained in the said Treaties as to the Provisions contained in the Statute of the 10th and 11th of William the 3d. C. 25. In order therefore, for the better Explanation of His Majesty's Royal Intentions therein, and to manifest His firm Resolution to preserve the said Treaties inviolable, to secure to the Subjects of France the full Possession and

Enjoyment of the Fishery thereby stipulated to be allowed to them within the Limits aforesaid, and to His own Subjects, their respective Rights and Privileges, and to prevent any disputes which may arise between the Subjects of Great Britain and those of France carrying on the Fishery within the said Limits, it is His Majesty's express Will and Pleasure, and I do hereby strictly require and enjoin, all officers under my Command, and in a particular manner the Admirals in the several Harbours, that they do not in their several Stations, and as far as depends upon each respectively, permit or allow that any Obstructions or Interruptions be upon any pretence given to the Subjects of France, in the enjoyment of that Fishery which is allowed them by the Stipulations of the said Treaties, in common with British Subjects, and that they give them all reasonable Countenance and Protection therein.

And Whereas it is of great Importance to the Interest, Peace and Tranquility, as well of the Crown of Great Britain as of France, that the said Treaties should be faithfully executed, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, all Disputes between both Nations avoided, and the Fishery within the Limits aforsaid amicably carried on between the two Nations according to the Treaties; I do therefor particularly command and require;

That the Admirals in the several Harbours upon the Coast, whereon the Subjects of France are by the said Treaties allowed to catch Fish, to dry them on Land, and to erect Stages made of Boards and Huts necessary for that Purpose, to take the most exact and particular Care that the said

Subjects of France, be permitted and allowed in common with British Subjects, to chuse their Stations there during the Fishing Season, according as they shall respectively arrive in the said Harbours and to occupy such a space of Beach, as shall be proportioned to their Numbers of Boats, so long as the said Subjects of France shall be actully employed in Fishing and drying Fish, agreeable in these respects to the Treaties of Utrecht and Paris, and the established Practice in consequence thereof. And in case any Disputes or difference shall arrise between the Subjects of Great Britain, and the Subjects of France touching these Matters Ido by His Majesty's Command, expressly Will and ordain, that the said Admirals shall in the Decision of such Disputes proceed with the strictest Justice and Impartiality, taking Care upon all occasions of such Dispute, that the Subject Matter in question and all Proceedings and Judgments thereon, be taken down in writing and transmitted by such Admirals duly authenticated to me, that the Judgment or decree of such Admirals may be confirmed or annulled by me, as the Justice of the case shall require, and the Law shall allow.

2. It is nevertheless His Majesty's express Will and Pleasure, that the said Admirals in the respective Harbours shall not upon any pretence whatever presume to interfere or interpose their Authority, in any Disputes or difference which may arise between one Subject of France and another, concerning their Fishery.

3. And it is His Majesty's further Will and Pleasure, that the said Subjects of France, carrying on the Fishery within the Limits aforsaid, according to the said Treaties shall not in any wise or upon any pretence whatsoever, be molested or disturbed in their Persons, Properties or Effects.

4. And Whereas it has been represented unto the King that several Boats belonging to the Subjects of France, # # # and which on their departure from the Coast in the Year 1763, were left in the several Harbours on that part of the Coast, whereon the said Subjects of France where permitted to Fish, were Burnt and Destroyed by the Commanders of some English Ships of War, Stationed upon the said Coast, and as such Proceedings, is inconsistant with that Harmony and good understanding, which His Majesty wishes to see preserved between the two Nations, It is His Majestys express Commands to me, and I do in obedience thereto, hereby strictly forbid all such Practices and Proceedings, for the future.

5. And it is His Majestys express Will and Pleasure, that the foregoing Rules, Regulations and orders, be made as Public as possible, and # be fixed up in some conspicuous and well frequented place, within the Limits aforesaid, to the end that not only His Majestys Subjects, but also those of the Crown of France may be fully informed of the Kings Royal Intention and directions herein.

Lastly, I enjoin and require all Commanders of His Majestys Ships and Vessels, all Admirals, Vice Admirals and Rear Admirals of Harbours, and all other Officers whatever, to pay strict attention and regard herein, as they will answer the contrary at their Peril. And that His Majestys Pleasure may be duly complied with, I have hereby given under my Hand at St. Johns this 6th of July 1765

By His Excellency's Command. J. B.

Hard Hay

By His Excellency the Hon.ble John Byron
Governor and Commander in Chief,
in and over the Island of
Newfoundland, the Coast of
Labrador, &c.&c.

Whereas by the Act for the Encouragment of Trade,
passed in the 15th Year of King Charles the 2d and other
Subsequent Acts, no Commodities of the Growth, Production or
Manufacture of Europe, except Salt for the Fishery of
New-England and Newfoundland, Wines of the Growth
of the Madeiras or Western Islands or Azores, Servants,
Horses, Linen, and all sorts of Victuals of the Growth
Production and Manufacture of Ireland, shall be Imported
into any of the Colonies or Plantations, but what shall be
bona fide and without Fraud, laden and Shipped in Great
Britain, and in Ships duly qualified for that purpose, And
Whereas by an Act made in the last Sessions of the present
Parliament, the Inhabitants of the Island of Jersey and Guernsey
are allowed to Ship and Lade in the said Islands, and to
transport directly from thence to Newfoundland, on board any
Ships or Vessels lawfully qualified as aforesaid, any Sort of Craft,
Food, Victuals, Cloathing or other Goods, fit and necessary for
carrying on the Fishery; such Craft, Cloathing and other Goods
being the Growth, Produce and Manufacture of Great Britain,
or of the said Islands, and such Food or Victuals, being of the
Growth or Produce either of Great Britain, Ireland or the

said Islands of Jersey or Guernsey. And Whereas Complaint has been made of Masters of Ships and others, as well French as English, carrying on a Clandestine Trade amongst the the British fishing Ships, as also with the Inhabitants of Newfoundland and others from the Plantations; In Order therefore to put a Stop to such illegal Practices and illicit Trade for future, You are hereby directed and required, to Seize all such Goods, with the Ships and Vessels on board which they shall be laden, contrary to the true intent and meaning of the said Acts, and send them to St. Johns, to be proceeded against according to Law.

Given under my Hand at St. Johns this 7th of July 17[illegible]

To

Capt. Wilkinson

Commander of His Majs.

Ship Niger.

J. B.

By His Excellencys Command

H. S.

By His Excellency the Hon.ble John Byron
Governor and Commander in Chief in
and over the Island of Newfoundland
the Coast of Labrador, &c. &c. &c.

Whereas by an Act passed in the 5.th Year of the Reign of
His present Majesty, Cap: 45.th intituled, "An Act for granting certain
Duties in the British Colonies and Plantations in America,
&c." it is enacted, that in order to prevent any illicit Trade
or Comerce between His Majesty's Subjects in America, and
the Subjects of the Crown of France, in the Islands of St.
Pierre and Miquelon, if any British Ship or Vessel shall
be found standing into, or coming out from either of those Islands,
or hovering, or at Anchor within Two Leagues of the Coast thereof,
or shall be discovered to have taken any Goods or Merchandizes
on board at either of them, or to have been there for that purpose,
such Ship or Vessel, and all the Goods so taken in her shall
be forfeited and Lost: You are hereby required and directed,
to Seize all such Ships and Vessels, as you shall meet with
offending against the said Act, and send them to St. Johns, to be
proceeded against according to Law. Given under my Hand
at St. Johns, this 17.th of July 1769.

J. B.

To
The Hon.ble Capt. Gower,
Commander of His Maj.ty Ship
Pearl.

By His Excellency Command.
H. S.

By His Excell.y the Hon.ble John G.

Pursuant to the Kings Instructions to me I do hereby Strictly enjoin all His Majesty's Officers and Soldiers and other Persons whatsoever, belonging to the Garrison in Newfoundland & the other Islands & Territories under my Government, not to engage in the Fishery, nor interrupt the Fishermen in curing their Fish, nor to take up for themselves any Beaches, Stages or Cookrooms, upon any Pretence whatsoever, upon Pain of His Maj.s highest Displeasure. Given under my Hand at St. Johns this 10th of July 1769.

J. B.

To
Capt. M.c Donald,
Commanding Officer of the
Fort, at St. Johns.

By His Excellency's Command.

N.o A List of Papers for the Year 1769.

1. Three Manifesto's containing the Kings Orders with respect to the intermingled Fishery.
2. Six Proclamations for putting a stop to the Murders committed on the Savages.
3. Three Notices to be made Publick for preventing Ammunition being carried away to the Colonies.
4. Order to Seize Ships not producing a Register.
5. Order not to allow any exclusive Possession to the Northward of Bonavista.

6. Order to Seize Ships laden contrary to the Act for the Encouragem.t of Trade &c.

General Printed Sailing & Fighting Instructions.

Act of the 9.th of George the 3.

By the Hon.ble John Byron,
Commander in Chief &c.

Whereas the Kings Shallop which is to be employed under you, May be in want of Stores and Materials for repairing and keeping her in a condition for Service, You are hereby Required and Directed, to cause the Warrant Officers of His Majestys Ship under your Command, to furnish such as may be wanted, and which they can conveniently spare, and to discharge themselves of the same in their Expence Books. Given under my Hand this 11.th of July 1769.

J B

To
Capt. Gayton,
Commander of His Maj.s
Ship Antelope.

By Command of the Commodore
H. S

By the Hon.ble John Byron
Commander in Chief &c.

Lieutenant Graeme Commander of His Maj.y Sloop the
Egmont, having represented to me by Letter of Yesterdays
date, that there are on Board her a Cable, Sails & some running
Rigging, Rubbed & much worne and desiring a Survey thereon
You are hereby required & directed to repair forthwith on Board
the said Sloop, and take a strict and carefull Survey on the Sta-
-res belonging to her, from under your Hand, an account of your Proce-
-edings Given under my Hand on Board His Maj.y Ship Antelope
in S.t Johns Harbour, this 13 of July 1764.

The Masters of His Maj.y Ships
Antelope, Niger, and one of the
Masters Mates of the Antelope.

By the Hon.ble John Byron

You are hereby required & directed, to receive on Board His
Maj.y Ship under your Command, Lieu.t Lucas (who is
appointed to His Majesty's Ship Rummey) and his Servant
and give them a Passage to S.t Johns, bearing them on the
Supernumerary List for Victuals only. Given under my
Hand this 8 of May 1764.

J. B.

Capt. Wilkinson
Commander of His Maj.y
Ship Niger

By Command of the Commodore

By the Hon.ble John Byron &c.a

You are hereby required and directed, to receive from His Majesty's Ship Antelope, the undermentioned Stores, viz.a

Boatswains. Hammacoes ..... Twenty five
Compass Brass Box .. One
Coyles of 2 1/2 inch ..... 108 } Fathoms
2 ..... 216 }
1 1/2 ..... 108 }
1 ..... 108 }
Lines { White ..... Six
Deepsea ..... One
Twine Wt ..... Six pounds
Glasses Watch ..... One
12 hour ..... Four
Lead Deepsea ..... one
Hand ..... One
Tar ..... one Barrel
Throwd Hawser 9 inch .. One

Gunners. Corn Powder ..... Two Barrels
Priming Horns ..... Six
Musquet Rods ..... Twelve
Flints Musquet ..... One hundred
Pistol ..... Fifty
Shot Musquet ..... Thirty } Pounder
Pistol ..... Ten }
Fine Paper. Quires ..... Three

Carpenters. Tallow ---------- One hundred Pounds
Tar ---------- One Barrel
Board Elm ---------- Twenty feet
Nails -- 24 } ---------- six } Pounds
20 } Penny ---------- eight }

giving the respective Officers proper Receipts for the same. Given under my Hand on board His Majesty's Ship Antelope at St. Johns this 16th of July 1769. —

J. B.

To Lieutenant Graeme
Commander of His Majesty's
Sloop the
Egmont

By Command of the Commodore
H. S.

A List of Papers for the Nautilus deliv.d 4th

N. 1 Two Manifesto's, being the Kings Instructions with respect to the intermingled Fishery between Cape Bonavista and Point Riche, to be made as public as possible, and the French or any other Persons allowed to take Copies. —

2. Three Proclamations, concerning the Barbarous Murders committed on the Savages of Newfoundland

3. Two Notices to be Published for putting a stop to the practice of inveigling away Artificers &c.a to the Colonies

4. Order to prevent Clandestine Trade.
5. Order to Seize Ships not producing a Register &c.
6. Order to forbid the exclusive Possessions of any Lands, Rivers &c. between Bonavista and Point Riche.
7. Form for an Account of the French Fishery.
General Printed Sailing and Fighting Instructions
8. Signals. ——

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron —
Commander &c.a ——

Whereas you have represented unto me by Letter of this days date, that the necessarys for the Sick and Hurt Seamen and Marines on board this Maj.ty Ship under your Command are Expended, and the time for which they were granted elapsed, and desiring a further Supply, You are hereby required and directed, to cause the Surgeon to purchase four Months Necessarys for her Complement, at the Rate of two pence a Man a Month, for which you are to draw Bills on the Commissioners of the Navy, and take this Rec.t for your Voucher. GIVEN under my Hand on board His Maj.ty Ship Antelope at St. Johns, this 17th. of July 1769. ——

J. B.

Robt. Wilkinson
Commander of His Majesty's
Ship Niger

By Command of the Commodore
H. S.

Sir

St. Johns 18th July 1769

Being informed that you ha
no three pound Cartridges in Store, I desire you
will Supply the Commander of His Majesty Sn
the Egmont, with the under mentioned, viz.
Cartridge Paper. - - - - - Four quires
and take his Receipt for the same. I am

Sir

Your most Humble Servant

J. B

Mr. Edward White Storekeeper

By His Excellency the Hon.ble John
Governor and Commander in Chief,
in and over the Island of Newfoundland
the Coast of Labrador &c.

Whereas it has been represented unto me, that it is a
common Practice with the Inhabitants and Bye Boat
men employed in the Fisherys at Newfoundland to dismy
their men at the end of the Season, when their respective Ti
of Service by Agreement are expired, such Masters refusing or
neglecting to provide them with a Passage home, whereby the
are left in the utmost Distress without Money, Habitation
Employment, or any means of Subsistance or of getting a Passa
And Whereas such Proceedings are contrary to Law, and to Orde
heretofore published: You William Parker Esq.r are hereby

Authorizes and directed to make the most diligent Enquiry into the Truth of what is herein Set forth, and upon due proof being brought to you by any Men being so dismissed by their masters, after the last Fishing Season, you are immediatly, to cause the Master to Pay out of their first caught Fish this Season, at the Rate of Forty Shillings for each Man, for his Passage, which you are to cause to be paid to the Masters of Ships or Vessels, who taking Compassion on the Distressed and discarded Men, have either carried them Home, or intend so to do by Agreement at the end of this Season. And Moreover you are to cause the Masters to make such further Satisfaction to the Men, who being so discarded, were obliged to Winter in this Country, as shall appear to you to be just and reasonable, for which this shall be your Warrant Given under my Hand at St Johns this 19th of July 1764.

J Byron.

By His Excellencys Command

H. Hary.

By the Hon.ble John Byron,
Commander in Chief, &c.a

You are hereby required and directed, to receive from the Purser of His Maj.ty Ship Antelope the Provisions undermentioned, viz.t

Bread	four Hundred & twenty	Pound
Beef	Sixty	Pieces
Pork	Sixty	
Pease	fifteen	Gallons.
Oatmeal	Twenty two & half	
Butter	Twenty two & half	Pounds
Cheese	Forty five	

or Oyle in the lieu of Butter & Cheese, giving Receipts for the same. Given under my Hand on board the said Ship at St.t Johns, this 19.th July 1769.

To
Lieutenant Grome
Commander of His Maj.ty
Snow Egmont.

By the Hon.ble John Byron
Commander in Chief &c.a

You are hereby required & directed, to cause the Purser of His Maj.ty Ship under your Command, to deliver to the Commander & Purser of His Maj.ty Snow Egmont, the Provisions under mentioned, viz.t

Bread	four Hundred & twenty	Pound
Beef	Sixty	Pieces
Pork	Sixty	
Pease	Fifteen	Gallons
Oatmeal	Twenty two & a half	
Butter	Twenty two & a half	Pounds
Cheese	Forty five	

or an equal proportion of Oyl in lieu of the Butter & Cheese; taking Receipts for the same. Given under my Hand on board His Majestys Ship Antelope at St. Johns, this 19th July 1769.

To
Capt Gayton
Commander of His Majs
Ship Antelope.

By the Honble John Byron
Commander in Chief &c.

You are hereby required & directed to cause the Boatswain of His Majs Ship under your Command, to Deliver to the Commander of His Majs Snow the Egmont, the undermentioned Stores viz.

Mizentopmast Staysail . . . One
Hawser of 4 inch. . . . . One
Sail Needles . . . . . Twenty five

taking proper receipts for the same. Given under my Hand on board His Majs Ship Antelope at St Johns, this 20th of July 1769.

J B

To
Capt Wilkinson
Commander of His Majs
Ship Niger.

By Command of the Commodore
H. L.

N° a List of Papers for the Pearl.

1. Order to prevent all Contraband Trade with the French at Miquelon and St Pierre.
2. Amiralty Order.
3. Order to Seize Ships not Producing a Register.
4. 3. Proclamations, for putting a Stop to the Murders committed on the Savages.
5. 4. Notices to be made Public for preventing Antiq being carried away to the Colonies
6. Order to Seize goods laden contrary to Law &c.
7. General Printed Sailing & Fighting Instructions
8. Signals.
9. The 13th Article of the Treaty of Utrecht.
10. The 4. 5 & 6th Articles of the Treaty of Paris.
11. Act of the 10 & 11th of William the 3.
12. Act of the 9th of George the 3.
13. Surrogates Commission and Instructions.
14. Deputation & Instructions for the Comm.rs of the Customs.

N° a List of Papers for the Egmont.

1. Order to prevent any Illicit Trade being carried on by the English Ships at St Pierre & Miquelon
2. Order to Seize Ships not producing a Register &c
3. Order to Seize Ships laden contrary to Law.
4. Notices to the Masters of American Ships not to carry any Passengers

5. Proclamations to put a Stop to the Barbarous Murders committed on the Savages of Newfoundland.

The General Printed Sailing and Fighting Instructions

& Copy of a Letter from the Collector and Comptroler of the Customs at St. Johns, Relative to the Ship David having a false Register &c.

By the Hon.ble John Byron, Commander in Chief &c.

Whereas I have received authentick Information that a Ship called the David, of the Burthen of 120 Tons is now at Placentia, altho' not qualified by Law to Trade to, from, and in His Majesty's Plantations, as appears by the Register which was produced at the Custom House at St. Johns, the 6th of June last, by one Lovell Pennell. You are therefore hereby required & directed, to proceed without loss of time, with His Majesty's Snow under your Command to Placentia, and the different Ports situated between Cape Race and Cape Ray in quest of her, and upon finding the said Ship without a Register, such as is required by Law, you are to Seize her and send her to this Place, to be proceeded against in the Vice Admiralty Court. When you shall have performed this Service, You are to make the best of your way, to join His Majs

Ship Pearl at Burin, or little Barisway near Han
Briton, and deliver the letter and Packet you will
receive herewith, to the Hon.ble Capt. Gower her
Commander; and follow such Orders & Instructions
as you received last Year from Commodore Palliser
for your farther proceedings. But in case Capt. Gower
shall think it necessary, to give you any Orders &
directions for His Maj.ty Service, you are to obey the
taking care to join me again at St Johns, by the
Middle of September. Given under my Hand at
St Johns this 21st of July 1769.

J. Byron

To
Lieutenant Grome
Commander of His Maj.ty
Snow, Egmont.

By the Hon.ble John Ba
Commander in Chief &c

You are hereby required & directed, to receive on board
His Maj.ty Sloop under your command, the four
Esquimaux Savages which were brought here last
Year, Viz; two Women, and two Children, and proce
to your Station on the Coast of Labrador, calling firs
at Pitts Harbour in Chateaux Bay, for the Pilot
which

which was left there last Year, by the Otter Sloop. If the Savages should be desirous of being set on shore at that Port, you are to comply with their request, and by no means use any Compulsion, Arguments or Perswasions for getting rid of them. But should they be desirous of going farther to the Northward, you are as soon as you shall have compleated your Beer & Water on board which you are to use the utmost Dispatch to proceed with the said Savages as high as the Lat of 54 or 55 degrees on the said Coast, and Land them where you shall meet with any Indian Settlements. And Whereas great Pains have been taken as well in England as at this place, in Order if possible to conciliate their Affections, to Attach the Savages of Labrador to the Interest of Great Britain, to induce them to Trade with our People, and to reconcile them to His Majesty's Subjects employed in the Fisheries upon their Coasts, with whom the greatest Enmity has hitherto been mutually kept up, and frequent Murders on both Sides committed. You are strictly enjoined to treat them with the utmost Tenderness, Friendship and Humanity, the more effectually to Impress in their Minds at Parting what so much Pains & Trouble has been employed, to

bring

bring about, and which these Savages by a representa-
to their Countrymen, may be the Means of effecting.
You are to cause the Purser to Victual them at two
thirds Allowance of all Species, for which the Purser
of the Niger will account with him; and when you
shall have Landed them, you are to Victual them
up to the 1st of Oct.r if their Countrymen, should not
on the Coast, and Remain at the Port where you sha
so Land them seven or eight days, giving them all
the Assistance in your power, for settling themselves
their satisfaction, till the return of the Natives to th
Winter Habitations, from Hunting. When you ha
performed this Service, you are to return to Pitts
Harbour, & follow the Orders & Instructions you have
received from me, for Protecting the Fisheries of His
Maj.y Subjects on the Coast of Labrador and
Newfoundland, Visiting the several Ports, Harbou
Bays and Islands, where the Fisheries are carried
within your Station. Given under my Hand at
S.t Johns, this 21st of July 1769. J. B.

Capt Chapman,
Commander of His Maj.y
Sloop Nautilus.

By the Hon.ble John Byron
Commander in Chief &c.a

You are hereby required & directed to receive on
board His Majesty's Sloop under your Command
from the Niger, Lieut.t Lucas & his Servant
and bear them on a Supernumerary List for
Victuals only. Given under my Hand on board
His Maj.y Ship Antelope at S.t Johns, this 21.st of
July 1769.

To
Captain Chapman,
Commander of His Maj.s
Sloop Nautilus.
&

By the Hon.ble John Byron,
Commander &c.a

Whereas the two Men Named in the
Margin, were borne on a Supernumerary List
on board His Maj.y Ship Guernsey for Wages
and Victuals, and left on the care of the Kings
Hospital at this place, by Order of Commodore
Tollyfer, and Victualled by the Purser of that

Ship

a.t Tuchet
Lt. Bixby

Ships, up to the 1st of June last. You are in pursuance of the Directions of the Right Honble the Lords Commissioners of the Adm. hereby required and directed, to bear them on all the Supernumerary List, on board His Majty Ships under your command, from the 5th of January last, when the Guernsey was paid off, signifying to their Lordships, that he is to Account with the Purser of the Guernsey, for such Provisions and Necessary as they have been supplied with as aforesd.

Given under my Hand at St Johns, this 8th of July 1769. ——— J. B.

To
Captain Gayton,
Commander of His Majty
Ship Antelope.

By Command of the Commodore.
H. S.

Signals

1.

When I would have the rowing Boats of the Squadron sent to the assistance of Vessels coming into the Harbour, I will hoist a Red Flag with a white Cross at the Mizen Peek. And if I would have the Long Boats sent with Anchors & Hawsers to assist any Vessel that may be a Shore or in Danger, I will hoist a Pendant under it. If for a particular Ship, I will make the same Signal, and put a broad the Pendant for Speaking with the Captain.

Which Signals will be made with or without a Gun as I shall see occasion.

2

When I would have the Weekly Accounts of the Squadron sent on board me, I will hoist a Flag half Blue & half white at the Mizen Peek. And if a particular Ship only, I will in addition thereto make the Signal for Speaking with the Captain. Given under my Hand on board His Majesty's Ship Antelope at St Johns, this 14th of July 1769.

J. C

By His Excellency the Hon.ble John
Governor and Commander in Ch.

Whereas Complaint has been made to me by the Merchants & other principal Inhabitants of St Johns, in behalf of themselves & others, setting forth that by means of the present established Office-Hours at the Custom-House which are only from ten till one o'clock, they are laid under great Inconvenience, as no more than three Vessels can be cleared out in a Day, and that that Beneficial Branch of the Fishery, carried on by the Bankers is exceedingly cramped & curtailed, and the Adventurers therein, greatly Injured, by losing the frequent opportunitys of fair Winds for carrying them to the Grand-Bank also that Vessels arriving with Goods & Passengers from G.t Britain, Ireland, and His Majesty's other Dominions for carrying on the Fishery, labour under the like Difficulty & Hardship by not being admitted to make an Entry, except they shall so arrive & make their Application to the Custom House, during the said Office Hours, And praying me to give directions for extending the time so limitted as I shall judge fit. Upon considering which Complaint, and finding

that

that the same is justly provided, I do therefore hereby Order & direct that the said office Hours shall for the future be from six o Clock in the Morning till six in the Evening that is to say from six till twelve in the Forenoon & from two till six in the afternoon, for the admitting to an Entry, and Clearing Ships & Vessels employed in the Bank Fishery, and the Admitting to an Entry, all Ships & Vessels whatsoever, arriving with Passengers as aforesaid. Also I direct that these office-Hours shall continue, for and during the whole Fishing Season, for the Encouragment of the Adventurers therein, as well as for extending & improving the said Fishery; which Season . . . . shall be understood to commence the first of May, and end on the 10th of October inclusive, in every Year hereafter, that after that time, till the 30th of April inclusive, the usual Hours shall be observed at the Custom House for the Despatch of Public Business. Provided always, and it is my intent and meaning, that the indulgence hereby Granted, to Bankers & Ships arriving with Passengers, for carrying on the Fisherys, shall be construed as such, in the most extensive Sense thereof, without any Allowance or advantage to

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be taken by Merchants, Owners, or Masters of Ships, wanting to make an Entry of Ships arriving, other than as above mentioned, or to Clear out for any part of Europe, His Majt. Dominions in America, or elsewhere, the customary Hours from ten till one, being deemed sufficient for their Dispatch. And I do enjoin, all the Officers of His Majts Customs within my Government, and all other Persons whom it may concern, to pay due attention and regard hereunto. Given under my Hand at St Johns, this 24th of July 1769.

J. B.

By His Excellency's Comd.

Hen. Bacon

By His Excellency the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron Governor & Commander in Chief

The King having Commanded me to make Enquiry into the State of the Salmon Fishery within my Government, and to give all Protection & Encouragement to the Adventures therein. And Whereas upon enquiry I am informed, that considerable Salmon Fisherys are carried on, particularly in fresh water Bay, Gander Bay, Ragged Harbour,

Grand

Grand Bay, Dog creek, the Bay of Exploits, Grand Salmonier, Little Salmonier, and several other Places in Newfoundland, which might be greatly extended and Improved, but that at present few Adventurers from Great Britain, have a chance in the said Fishery, by reason of the Inhabitants of the said Island, and others from the Plantations, taking Possession of the Rivers and Places frequented by the Salmon, long before the Fishing Ships from Europe can arrive upon the Coast. And by reason also, that violent & unlawful Practices have been heretofore used, to Discourage & obstruct new Adventures therein, to the great Loss and Injury of His Maj.ty Trading Subjects, and of the Nation in General.

In Obedience therefore to His Maj.ty Instructions to me as aforesaid. I do hereby Order, and direct, that all the Kings Subjects arriving with Vessels or Boats & Netts, in any River, Creek, Lake or Harbour within my Government, shall freely use the same for taking Salmon, they doing nothing Repugnant to the Rules & Regulations prescribed by that excellent Act of the 10th & 11th of William the Third, commonly called the Fishing Act, nor acting contrary to the Rules & Regulations hereinafter mentioned

mentioned. And I do hereby strictly forbid any Pers
or Persons, from obstructing or hindering others from
spreading or hauling their Netts, whether by cuttin
down Trees into the Rivers by directing them int
other Peoples netts, by shooting their netts within o
upon the netts of others, Running Boats wilfully
upon the Nets of others, or by doing any other matt
or thing to the Hinderance or annoyance of another
employed in this Branch of the Fishery. Further
more all Persons whatsoever, are forbid to Obstruct
or hinder any other from Landing to Salt, Cure, Dry
or Husband their Salmon; and for their Conduct &
Encouragement, the Adventurers herein, are to
observe the following Rules, Orders & Regulation

1st Article the 1.

Any a British Subject coming to this Country from
Great Britain, in a qualified Fishing Ship or
Vessel, shall at any time have a right to take
possession of any Station or Stations whatsoever,
not Legally occupied before his Arrival, and keep
the same to his own use, for carrying on a Salmo
Fishery for the Season.

2

No Inhabitants of Newfoundland or other the
Dominions of His Majesty in America, nor an

other

other Person whatsoever, that does not come to this Country from Great Britain in a qualified Fishing Ship or Vessel, shall be permitted to take possession of any Station whatsoever, before 12 o'clock at Noon, on the 12th of June in every Year hereafter. But if any such Inhabitant of Newfoundland, or other the Dominions of His Majesty in America, shall at, or after that time so specified, find unoccupied any fishing Stations for carrying on a Salmon Voyage, he shall have a right to take & keep Possession of the same, to his own use for the season.

3

No Person whatsoever shall be deemed to have taken Legal Possession of any fishing Station, agreable to the true intent and meaning of these Rules & Regulations who has not done the same with a proper Net or set of Nets, such as are necessary for constant use, in carrying on the Fishery for the remainder of the Season. And if any Person shall take possession of any such Station, by Putting down a Buoy, a piece of old Net or other Mark only, any after comer who shall find nothing but such Buoy, piece of old Net or other mark, shall have a right to take & keep possession of any such Station to his own use for the Season, the same as if no such pretended Possession had been taken.

4

No Salmon Fishers shall occupy or use any Place for curing or husbanding of Salmon, or set or haul any Net or Nets, within a quarter of a Mile by the

Rivers

River Side of any other Salmon Fishers, that sh
have chosen his Station before him. This distance
having been found by experience to leave sufficie
Room to every one, to employ their Nets and Boat
without obstructing one another.

5

No Person shall hold or Possess any such Pla
or conveniency for taking, curing or Husbanding
of Salmon, to the exclusion of Salmon Fishers,
that does not actually use and employ the same
for that purpose.

6

As the erecting of wares and other Works in
the Rivers and Creeks, contribute greatly
towards, hindering and obstructing the Salmon from
going up to Spawn, as well as to cause them
to forsake those Rivers & Coasts; I do hereby for
the erecting any such Nuisances for the future

7

All Persons using Nets in any Rivers or Creek
shall leave sufficient Space for Boats to pass an
repass, with Necessarys & Supplies to the Pla
above and below them. And all such Boats a
to use the Passes so left open, and on no pretence
whatever to run over any Nets.

All Persons offending against any of the above Orders on Complaint thereof being made to me, shall be Punished and make good all Damages according to Law and Justice. And I do enjoin and command all His Majesty's Officers with Commissions as my Surrogates, and all Commanders of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels of War, to see these Rules, Orders and Regulations carried into execution. Given under my Hand at Trinity this 29th of July 1769.

J. B.

By His Excellency's Command

H. L.

By the Hon.ble John Byron Commander in Chief &c. &c.

Captain Gayton Commander of His Maj.ty's Ship Antelope, having represented to me, that there is on board her, a quantity of Butter and Cheese, not fit for men to Eat, and desired the same may be Surveyed; You are hereby required and directed, to repair forthwith on board her, & take a Strict & careful Survey thereon, and if you shall find it as represented, You are to leave the Butter in the charge of the Purser, to be delivered to the Boatswain, and the Cheese You are to see thrown overboard into the Sea. Reporting an account of your proceedings. Given under my Hand to me from under Your Hands on board the Antelope in Croque Harbour this 3 of Aug.t 1769.

To The masters of His Maj.ty Ships Antelope, Niger and one of the masters mates of the Niger

By Command of the Commodore

River Side of any other Salmon Fishers, that shall have chosen his Station before him. This distance having been found by experience to leave sufficient Room to every one, to employ their Nets and Boats without obstructing one another.

5

No Person shall hold or Possess any such Place or conveniency for taking, curing or Husbanding of Salmon, to the exclusion of Salmon Fishers, that does not actually use and employ the same for that purpose.

6

As the erecting of wares and other Works in the Rivers and Creeks, contribute greatly towards hindering and obstructing the Salmon from going up to Spawn, as well as to cause them to forsake those Rivers & Coasts; I do hereby forbid the erecting any such Nusances for the future.

7

All Persons using Nets in any Rivers or Creek, shall leave sufficient Space for Boats to pass and repass, with Necessarys & Supplies to the Places above and below them. And all such Boats are to use the Passes so left open, and on no pretence whatever, to run over any Nets.

All Persons offending against any of the above Orders on Complaint thereof being made to me, shall be Punished and make good all Damages according to Law and Justice. And I do enjoin and command all His Majesty's Officers with Commissions as my Surrogates, and all Commanders of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels of War, to see these Rules, Orders and Regulations carried into execution. Given under my Hand at Trinity this 29th of July 1769.

J. B.

By His Excellency's Command.

H. S.

By the Honble John Byron Commander in Chief &c &c

Captain Gayton Commander of His Majs Ship Antelope, having represented to me, that there is on board her, a quantity of Butter and Cheese, not fit for men to eat, and desired the same may be Survayed; You are hereby required and directed, to repair forthwith on board her, & take a Strict & careful Survey thereon, and if you shall find it as represented, You are to leave the Butter in the charge of the Purser, to be delivered to the Boatswain, and the Cheese You are to see thrown overboard into the Sea. Reporting an account of your proceedings Given under my Hand to me from under Your Hands on board the Antelope in Croque Harbour this 3 of Augt 1769.

To the masters of His Majs Ships Antelope, Tryal & Tryal Tender and one of the masters mates of the Tryal Tender

By Command of the Commodore

By His Excellency the Honble John [illegible]
Governor and Commander in Chief

Whereas frequent complaints have been made to the King, particularly by Foreigners, encouraging of the Newfoundland Cod Fishery, of the Badness and unwholesomeness of the Fish, when it arrives in the Ports of Spain, Italy and Portugal, owing to no other cause, than its being ill Cured; and that it is so disliked in their Markets, as may be the meane of the total Ruin of the Fishery, if not timely put a stop to, and of consequence, the annihilation of one of the most valuable branches of the British Commerce. And Whereas upon making the most diligent Enquiry, in pursuance of the Kings commands into the Authors of this Abuse, I am well informed, that it is chiefly practised by the Inhabitants and Bye Boatkeepers, with a view of making hasty Fortunes, they being Sparing in ~~Salt~~ Time and Labour, and that such ill ill Cured Fish, has been generally found, to have been carried from Newfoundland in the Ships, whose Cargoes were Purchased of the Inhabitants and Bye Boatkeepers promiscuously I do therefore hereby require and enjoin, all

Commanders

Commandeers of His Majesty Ships & Vessels of War, the Officers of the Customs, all Admirals, Vice Admirals and Rear Admirals of Harbours, the Justices of the Peace, and all Civil Officers within my Government, to be aiding and assisting same, in the making a Discovery of the Persons concerned, in carrying on this pernicious Practice, and upon such Discovery, to Report to me their Names and other particulars, that I may be enabled to lay the same before His Majy. and take such further Measures with the Offenders, by Fine, Forfeiture, Imprisonment, Banishment, otherwise, as the circumstances of such base and fraudulent proceedings shall be found to Deserve, in order thereby, to restore Credit to the British Newfoundland Cod Fishery. Given under my Hand at Trinity, this 29th of July 1769.

J. B.

By His Excellency's Command.

L. L.

By the Hon.ble John Byron
Commander &c.&c.

Whereas it appears to me, that there are several Sick & Hurt Seamen on board the Syren under my command, whose Complaints require their being sent on Shore for Cure.

You are hereby required & directed to go on Shore and use the utmost diligence & Dispatch in getting the Kings Hospital put into a Condition for their Reception, and them to receive under your Care, all such Sick & Hurt Seamen & Marines as shall be sent with proper Sick Tickets.

You are to provide for their Maintenance & Cure, and govern your self by the Terms herewith given you for which were sent me by the Commissrs. of the Sick & Hurt, who will make you a proper Allowance for your trouble in Acting as Agent, together with the usual Gratification, for the Cure of such Men as may be under your Care, not belonging to the Ships of which you are Surgeon. Given under my Hand on board His Majty.s Ship Antelope at St. Johns this 6th of July 1769.

To Peter Blair
Surgeon of His Majty.s
Ship Antelope hereby appointed
Agent & Surgeon of the Hospital at St. Johns

By the Honble John Byron
Commander in Chief &c.

The R^t Honble the Lords Commissioners of
the Admiralty having transmitted to me the
Names of 26 Seamen & Marines, part of the Complemt
of His Majesty's Ship Guernsey, Joint Marine a
Supernumerary who by the Order of Captain
Pallisser late Commander in Chief on this Station
had been left on the Coast of Labrador in a Block
House established there, and Victualled by the Ships
of the Guernsey, up to the 8th of Octr next. You will
receive herewith a List of those Men, and You are
hereby required & directed to cause them to be replaced
by an equal number to be sent from His Majesty's
Ship under your Command, and — bear them on a
Supernumerary List for Wages & Victuals from
the 30th of January last, when the Guernsey was
Paid off, until they arrive in England when they
are to be Discharged by Pay Lists which you are
to transmit to the Commissioners of the Navy.
You are to take Care that the Surgeon do furnish
the Men you shall send from the Antelope with
a Proportion of Provisions & Necessaries for the
months

month and that he accounts with the Purser of the Guernsey for so much as the several Persons belonging to her have been supplied with as per Receipts Given under my Hand on Board the Antelope at Halifax this 6th of July 1769. J. B

Captain Gaytan,
Commander of His Majty's Ship Antelope.

By Command of the Commodore.

A List of 24 People left at York Fort Labrador by Order of Commodore Palliser and Victualled by Mr Robert Isaac Purser of the Guernsey to the 8th October 1769

Seamen	Willm Simmion		Qrs Mate
	Samll Foster		Ab
	Thos Butler		Ab
	Joseph Tracey		Ab
	Geo: Laughg		Corpl
	John Ogle		Pte
	Samll Davys		1st Lieut.
Marines	John. Mitchel		Serjt
	John. Feaney		Private
	John. Thomas		"
	Willm Mills		"
	Samll Clark,		"
	John. Joyner,		"
	Patk Burk		"
	John. Hopkins,		"
	Robt Gough		"
	Richd Mitchel,		"
	James Smith		"
	Richd Andrews		"
	Geo: Goodall		"
	Edwd Fowler	Supernumenary	Marine

By His Excellency the Hon.ble John Byron
Governor and Commander in Chief
&c. &c. &c.

Whereas Complaint has been made to me, of the Crews left in the Northern parts of Newfoundland, extending from Cape Bonavista to Cape Norman, & so down on the Western side of the said Island reaches as far as Point Riche, where the French by Treaty are allowed to catch Fish, to dry them on Land, that Instead of employing themselves during the Winter Season for the purposes for which they are left by their Masters, such as in taking Seals, killing Bears, & cutting Wood to Build & repair their Craft and Fishing Works, they commit the greatest Outrages & Excesses, in pilfering and abusing the Inhabitants, and wantonly setting Fire to the Huts & Fishing Works erected by the French, as also to the Woods and # winding the standing Trees, I am Order therefore to put a Stop to such proceedings for the future, and that the Offenders may be brought to Public Justice, I do hereby Promise a free Pardon to any Person or Persons, who will discover his or their Accomplice or Accomplices, so as he or they may be apprehended & convicted, except the Ringleaders, and those actually committing the said Crimes, and that no more than one Person, do claim the Benefit hereof for one

one (and the same Offence.) And I do enjoin Prequine, the Commanders of His Majesty's Ships (and all other Officers & Magistrates within my Government, to be aiding and assisting to the herein, (and upon apprehending any such Offenders, to send them to St Johns, that they may take their Trials at the ensuing Assizes accordingly. Given (under my Hand at Trinque, this 6th of August 1769.

By His Excellencys Command.

By His Excellency the Hon.ble Jos. Pi
Governor &c. &c.

Whereas it has been represented unto this Hi
that several of His Subjects Inhabitants of
or resorting to the said Island of Newfoundlan
(under my Government, have upon various
unwarrantable Pretences, possessed themselves
of (and do claim as their private Property, la
Tracts of Land, commodious for the Fishery, lyi
within the several Harbours and Rivers upon
the Coast of Newfoundland, and to the Islands
(adjacent thereto betwixem Cape Bonavista an
Point Riche, to the great prejudice & discourag

of the Ship Fishery, not only of His Majesty's Subjects in General, but also of the Subjects of the Crown of France, allowed by Treaty a concurrent Fishery within the Limits aforesaid. In Order therefore to put a Stop to such irregular practices & unwarrantable Claims, & to prevent all vexatious and expensive Litigations amongst His Majesty's Subjects, and to avoid Disputes between them and the Subjects of France: It is His Majesty's express Will and Pleasure and you are in Obedience thereto, hereby directed and required, upon no pretence whatsoever, to allow any exclusive Possession to be taken as private Property of any Lands, Rivers or Islands in the Northern parts of Newfoundland, between Bonavista and Point Riche, taking especial Care, that such Ships as shall resort to that part of the said Island for carrying on the Fishery, do chuse their Stations, as they respectively arrive and do take up and occupy subject to my Controul, such space only of Beach, as shall be proportioned to the number of their Boats, conformable to what has been prescribed by an Act passed in the 10th and 11th Years of King William

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the 3, in respect to those parts of the Coast, which were in Possession of the Crown, at the time that Act was passed. Given under my Hand at St. Johns this 6th of July 1769. J. Byron.

Captain Wilkinson
Commander of His Majs
Ship Tyger.

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a List of Papers sent to Mr Justice Reeves at Greenspond the 8th of Augt 1769, from Chatteaux Bay Addressed to the Care of Mr Coghlan.

Salmon Fishery. Regulations.
Proclamation concerning the Ravages committed by the Winter Crews in Newfoundland.
——— concerning the ill Cured Fish.
——— concerning the Murders committed on the Savages.
——— for American Ships not to carry Passengers

Papers sent at the same time to Mr Coghlan
Proclamations,
concerning the Newfoundland Savages.
the ill Cured Fish
the Ravages committed by the Winterners
American Ships not to carry away Passengers

Naval Officers Warrant for Trade and all the adjacent Ports within the District of Bonavista.

By the Honble John Byron,
Commander in Chief &c.

As soon as the Fishing Season is over, and the French shall have left the Coast within your Station, you are hereby required and directed, to take under your Convoy such of the Fishing Ships, as shall be ready & willing to accompany you, and proceed with His M.ty's Sloop under your Command to Lisbon, where you are to remain not exceeding ten days; and then taking under your Convoy such other Trade as shall be ready and desirous of accompanying you, you are to repair to Plymouth, and acquaint the Secretary of the Admiralty of your Arrival. And Whereas by your former Orders, you are directed to collect Accounts of the English & French Fisheries, in which you are to be as exact as possible: You are hereby also enjoined to comply therewith punctually, and upon your arrival as aforesaid, to transmit the same to me with an account of your proceedings. But notwithstanding what is herein directed, if any thing of Importance should happen within your Station, that may be necessary for my immediate Information, you are to proceed without loss of time to join me at St. Johns, and follow such further

Directions

Directions as I shall Judge expedient for His Majesty's
Service. Given under my Hand on Board the Antelope
at Chatham this 26th of Augt 1769.

J. Byron.

To
Capt. Chapman,
Commander of His Majs.
Sloop Nautilus.

By Command of the Commodore.
H. S.

By the Hon.ble John Byron,
Commander &c.a

Lieutenant Davys Commanding Officer of
York Fort in this Bay, having informed me that
a Cask of Flour w.ch was left there by Mr. Jones Purser
of His Majs. Ship Guernsey last Year, as part of
the Provisions intended to Victual the Seamen &
Marines sent from the said Ship, and left there
as a Guard, is unfit for Men to Eat, and desired
the same may be Surveyed. You are hereby req.d
and directed to go on Shore to the said Fort, and
there take a strict and carefull Survey thereof
Reporting home from under your Hand the
of your Proceedings. Given under my Hand
Board the Antelope in Pitts Harbour Chatham Bay
this 30th of Augt 1769.

J. B.

To
The Masters of His Majs Ships
Antelope and Nautilus now at
Prince of Wales Mouth of the Straights.

By Command of the Commodore
H. S.

By the Hon.ble John Byron,
Commander &c.

You are hereby required and directed to receive on board His Majt. Sloop under your command, the Hon.ble Wm. Tollemache a Midshipman belong.g to His Majt. Ship Antelope, and bear him on a Supernumerary List for Victuals only. Given under my Hand on board the said Ship in Pitts Harbour, Chatham Bay, this 27th of Augt. 1764.

J. B.

To Capt. Chapman
Commander of His Majt.
Sloop Nautilus.

By Command of the Commodore.
H. S.

By the Hon.ble Jno. Byron,
Commander &c.

Captain Clayton Commander of His Majt. Ship Antelope having represented to me, that there are on board the said Antelope divers Casks Beef Bones & Bread much worm eaten, & to be unfit for Service, and desired a Survey thereon; You are hereby required and directed to repair forthwith on board her, and there take strict and carefull Survey on the same; Reporting to me from under your Hands an account of your proceedings.

Given under my Hand on board the said Ship in Pitts Harbour, Chatham Bay, this 31st Augt. 1764.

J. B.

To the Masters of His Majts. Ship Antelope & Nautilus Sloop
Two of the Masters Mates of the
Nautilus.
By Command of the Commodore.
H. S.

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron,
Commander &c.a

Lieutenant Davys commanding Officer of York Fort in this Bay, having represented to me that he is in want of sundry Stores, Ammunition &c.a and there being no other means of supplying him but from the Squadron under my Command, the Season being too far advanced, to procure them from the Ordnance Storekeeper at St. Johns in Newfoundland. You are hereby required and directed to cause the Warrant Officers of the Ship you command to Supply him with the undermentioned and take his Receipt for the same viz.t

Boatswain. Barr Barge ..... six
Boat ..... six
Boat Hooks ..... two
Grapnels {Iron / Fish} ..... one
Fish Tackle fall 4 inch Rope ..... one
Cask of Limes ..... one

Gunner. Powder, whole Barrels ..... two
Sponge Staves ..... five hundred
Nails {10 / 6} penny ..... one hundred & fifty / four hundred
Lanterns {Tin / horn} ..... one / one
Crows Iron 4 1/2 inches ..... four
Baskets Ballast ..... six
Flints {Musquet ..... five hundred / Pistol ..... fifty}
Shot Musquet ..... one hundred
Fine Paper Quires ..... Ten
Sweet Oyl Gallons ..... four
Side Nails ..... fifteen
Breech Nails ..... Ten
Musquet Rods ..... thirty

Carpenter. Pitch ---------- one Barrel
Tar ---------- one Ditto

Given under my Hand on board the
Antelope in Pitts Harbour, Chatham Bay,
this 31st of August 1769. ——

To
Captain Gayton
Commander of His Majs
Ship Antelope.
By Command of the Commodore.
J. B.
H. I.

By the Honble John Byron
Commander in Chief &c &c

The Right Honble the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty having transmitted to me the Names of 20 Seamen and Marines part of the Complement of His Majestys Ship Guernsey, one Marine a Surgeon = Mate and a Surgeons Mate sent from the Ottin Sloop who by the Order of Captain Callison late Commander in Chief on this Station had been left in a Blockhouse established at this place and Victualled by the Purser of the Guernsey up to the 8th of October Inst. You will receive herewith a List of Fourteen of those Men and you are hereby required and directed to cause them to be relieved by an Equal number to be

sent

sent from His Majesty's Ship under your Com-
mand and bear them on a Supernumerary List
for Wages and Victuals from the 5 of January last
when the Guernsey was paid off until their arrival
in England which they are to be Discharged by
Pay Lists which you are to transmit to the Commis-
sioners of the Navy you are to take Care that the Purser
Furnish them men who shall be left in the said
Blockhouse with a proportion of Provisions and
Necessarys for twelve Kalender Months, and
that he accounts with the Purser of the Guernsey
for so much as the several Persons belonging to
him have been Supplied with as aforesaid.
Given under my Hand at Whitehaven this 26th
August 1769

To
Captain Gayton
Commander of His Majs
Ship Antelope

By Command of the Commodore

A List of Fourteen People left at York Fort
P Order of Commodore Tollison and Victualled by Mr
Robert Isaac Pierson of the Guernsey to the 8 of October 1769

Samuel	Foster	Seaman
John	Mitchell	Serjt
Robert	Coutts	Marine
Patk	Bush	
Willm	Mills	
Thos	Cashberg	
James	Smith	
John	Hopkins	
John	Pearce	
Edw:	Fowler	
Willm	Walker	
Geo	Goodall	
Samuel	Clark	
Richd	Andrews	

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Commander &c.a

Whereas it appears from the Report of a Survey dated the 3d. of August last, that a Cask of Flour at York Fort belonging to the Owners of the Guernsey is condemned as unfit for Men to Eat, which is left in the Care of the Commanding Officer of the Fort, to be Disposed of as I shall think fit to Order. You are Hereby required and directed, to cause the Power of His Majesty's Ship under your Command, to receive the same into His Care and Charge and Deliver it to the Agent Victualler of the first Port you shall arrive at in England, with a Report of the Survey aforesaid. Given under my Hand on board the Antelope in Pitts Harbour, Chatham Bay this 4th. of Sept.r 1769.

J. B.

To
Capt.n Gayton
Commander of His Maj.s
Ship Antelope.

By Command of the Commodore.
H. S.

By the Honble John Byron
Commander &c. &c.

Having received a Letter from one Monsr De Vauvil complaining that some British Subjects had taken from him three new Boats which he had left at Old Fenolle the 15th of July last marked at one End with the Ships Name Lizard and at the Other with the Owners Init^s which he has learnt was done by People of St Modest; And Whereas Captain Wilkinson Commander of His Majestys Ship Nigen has informed me that he spoke with a Brigantine belonging to one Robertson the Master of which acknowledged to him that he had taken the said Boats, two of which he had left at St Modest and the Other he had sent with a Cargo to Quebec You are hereby required and directed to proceed without loss of time with His Maj^s Sloop under your command to St Modest and take Possession of the said two Boats sending them to the Master of the above named French Vessel at Old Fenolle and you are likewise to take one of the best Boats that you shall find belonging the said Mr Robertson and send at the same time Him under to make Satisfaction for the Boat which is gone to Quebec as aforesaid. Given under my Hand this 1st of Septr 1764

J. B.

Captn Chapman
Commander of His Maj^s
Sloop Nautilus

By His Excellency the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Governor and Commander in Chief

Whereas a Blockhouse with a Guard of Twenty Men is established at Pitts Harbour in Whaleback Bay on the Coast of Labradon called York Fort for the Protection of His Maj.ty Subjects concerned in the Fisheries as well from the Banditti Crews from the Colonies as the Native Savages inhabiting that Country and their Craft and other Effects from being Burnt and Plundered during the Winter Season You are hereby required and directed to take upon you the Command of the said Fort and Observe the following Instructions for your Guidance

1.st

You are by every means in your power to Protect and Defend His Maj.ty Subjects resorting thither for carrying on the Fisheries in their Persons Properties and Effects

2.d

Whereas I am informed that many Banditti Crews from the Colonies and else where resorting to this Coast have been heretofore Guilty of the most heinous Crimes such as Robbing, Plundering and Murdering each other and the Native Savages Inhabiting the said Country, Destroying the Fishing Works Firing the Woods and sundry other enormities to the Obstructions and discouragement of the Fisheries You are as much as in you lies to prevent the

the like practices in the future And the better to enable you to bring the Offenders to Justice, you will herewith receive a Commission of the Peace, and in case you shall Apprehend any Capital Offenders, you are to deliver them to the Commanders of Kings Ships to be conveyed to St Johns (with the Witnesses) that they may be tried for the same at the Assizes.

2d

You are not by vertue of the Power and Authority reposed in you, to do any thing repugnant to the Acts of the 10th and 11th of Wm the 3d, nor oppose the Fishing Admirals in their Authority.

4th

You are to keep an Account of the expenditure of the Ordnance Stores, Ammunition and Stores in the Fort, in which you will use the strictest Oeconomy

5th

I have appointed the Guard for the Fort to consist of twenty two Men viz. Yourself a Serjeant, Corporal and 18 Marines a Surgeons Mate and three Seamen who are all to be under your immediate Command for His Majs Service the Yawl and two Wooding Boats are to be employed on the Service as you shall think proper and occasion may require Provisions and Necessaries are laid in for 12 Kalender Months for the said two and twenty Men which you are to see carefully and regularly issued; and such Stores as the Antelope

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and Nautilus can conveniently Spare, are sent you by way
way of Supply till a favourable opportunity shall offer to
compleating your wants from the Ordnance Stores at St John.

6th You are to very careful in keeping a proper Eye and
making such dispositions as may secure you from any
sudden Surprize or Attack of the Savages You are to be
particularly careful never to put yourself or any of your
People into their power however Friendly they may app.
or pretend to be and above all things never to admit above
one or two within your Works at a time and that not
often When you shall so indulge them you are to intim.
that you mean to convince them you intend them no
harm and dismiss them with kind and friendly Treat.
being always upon your Eye and never encouraging them t.
abide in your Neighbourhood and on no account suffering
the People under your command to go without Arms
either by Land or in Boats

7th If any French other foreign Vessels should come upon
the Coast you are to detain them (except in cases of ver.
apparent Distress) and deliver them into the charge
of the first of His Majs. Ships that shall arrive to
be sent to St Johns for Condemnation.

8th

When the Mastiles shall leave the Coast for the Winter Season you are to receive in your Care and Charge the Shallop which is employed under her, securing her Materials in the best manner within the Fort

9th

You are to communicate these Instructions to the Comds of any of the Kings Ships or Vessels that may arrive and follow such Orders as they may Judge necessary to give you for His Majs Service.

10th

In case of your Absence or Death it is my Directions that the Serjeants of Marines do take upon him the Command of the Fort and after Him the Corporal

Given under my Hand on board the Antelope in Pitts Harbour Chateaup Bay this 1st of Sepr 1769

J. B.

To

Lieutenant Davys

hereby appointed to command

York Fort on the Coast of Labrador

By His Excellency's Command

By the Hon.ble John Byron
Commander in Chief &c. &c.

Sir. Your Commission of His Majr. Snow Ygnom having Represented to me by Letter dated the 16th instant that there is a Cable on board her much Rubbed and worne and desired the same may be Survayed You are hereby required and directed to repair Forthwith on board her and there take a Strict and carefull Survey thereon Reporting to me from under your Hands an account of your proceedings Given under my Hand on board the Antelope at St. Johns this 18th
6 Sept.r 1769

To
The Masters of His Majr.
Ship Antelope and Savages Sloop
and one of the Masters Mates of the
Antelope

By Command of the Commodore
H. S.

By the Honble John Byron
Commander in Chief &c^a &c^a

Lieut Groome Commander of His Maj^s Snow The Egmont having represented to me by Letter of this days date that he has on board her a Quantity of condemned Stores which he has no opportunity of returning into Store You are hereby required and directed to receive the Boatswain of His Maj^s Ship under your command to receive the same into his Care and Custody with a Report of the Survey by which they were laid that he may return them into His Maj^s Stores upon her arrival in England giving the said Mr Groome proper Receipts for the same. Given under my Hand on board the Antelope at St Johns this 18th of Septr 1765

To
Lieu^t Groome
Commander of His Maj^s
Ship Egmont

By command of the Commodore
W. I.

By the Honble John Byron
Commander in Chief &c^a &c^a

Whereas you have represented to me by Letter of this days date that there is a quantity of condemned Stores on board His Maj^s Snow under your command which you have not an opportunity to return into Store You are hereby

hereby required and directed to deliver the same into the
Care and Custody of the Boatswain of His Majt. Ship
Antelope with a Report of the Survey by which they were
Lost and take his Receipt for the same Given under my
Hand on board the Antelope at St Johns this 18th Sept.
1769

To
Sim. Thorne
Commander of His Majt.
Snow the Egmont.

By Command of the Commodore

By the Hon.ble John Byron
Commander in Chief &c.

Whereas the two Seamen marked in the Margin
being rated Servants and part of the Complement
of His Majt. Ship Guernsey are left with others
in a Blockhouse Established on the Coast of
Labrador and Victualled by the Crews of that Ship
to the 8th October next and it being intended the
said Blockhouse shall be relieved this Year by
a like number to be sent from the Ship you command
You are hereby Required and directed (for preventing any
additional Expence that these two Seamen may
occasion to the Crown) to keep Vacancys for Servants

Geo: Campbell
John Aguila

on the Ships Book and upon relieving the said Blockhouse to receive them on board the Antelope bearing them for Wages and Victuals from the 3 of Jan.y last when the Guernsey was paid off And you are to take care that the Purser of the Antelope do account with the Purser of the Guernsey for such Provisions and Necessarys as they have been supplied with as aforesaid Given under my Hand this 25 of May 1769

To
Capt. Clayton
Commander of His Maj.s
Ship Antelope

By Command of the Commodore
H. S.

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Commander &c.a

This being the Anniversary of His Maj.s Coronation you are hereby Required and Directed to solemnize the same by causing fifteen Guns to be Fired on board His Maj.s Ship under your command at one o'Clock beginning immediately after the Antelope has Fired her Guns. Given under my Hand on board the said Ship at St Johns the 22.d of Sep.r 1769

To
Lieu.t Graeme
Commander of His Maj.s
Sloop Cygnet
By Command of the Commodore

By the Hon.ble John Byron
Commander in Chief &c.

You are hereby required and directed to proceed
without loss of time with His Majestys Snow
under your command to Placentia and there shall
which ship is left there by the Scout & you are then
to proceed to your Station from St Lawrence to
Sc Tail and carry into execution such Orders
and Instructions as you have received from
Captain Tollemache late Commander in Chief
on this Station and answer and that remain
unexecuted Given under my Hand on board
the Antelope this 25th of Sep: 1769

J. B

Lieut: Gnome
Commander of His Maj:
Snow the Egmont

By Command of the Commodore
H.

By the Hon.ble Jo: Byron
Commander in Chief

Whereas you will receive herewith a
Surrogate Commission for conception Bay
You are hereby required and directed to proceed
without loss of time with His Maj:s Ship
under your command to Harbour Grace

on

on Coasts for Protecting the Fisheries of His Majty Subjects, and after dispatching such Business as is needful and necessary and which you are Authorized to enquire into and determine by Virtue of the Power and Authority invested in your Commission and Instructions Observing for your Guidance herein the Instructions inserted on the back of your Commission you are to make the best of your way to Plymouth and acquaint the Secretary of the Admiralty of your Arrival Given under my Hand on board the Antelope at St Johns this 28th Sept. 1769.

To
The Honble Captain Gower
Commander of His Majtys
Ship Druid
By Command of the Commissioners

By the Honble John Byron
Commander in Chief

Whereas you have represented to me by Letter of this days date that the man named in the Margin was sent from the Ship you command to His Majtys Brig the Grenville and that it will be attended with some difficulty to recover him again You are hereby required and directed

to

to discharge him the day he was so sent the
Commander of the Brig being ordered to bear
him from that time on her Books Given under
my Hand on board the Antelope at St Johns
this 28th of Sept: 1769.

The Hon: Capt: Lower,
Commander of His Maj:
Ships
Coast.

By Command of the Commodore
H S

By the Honble Jno Byron
Commander in Chief &c^a

Whereas you have represented unto me
by Letter of this 3: instant, that the Naval Hospital
in general is very leaky, the Shingles in several
parts of it being decayed & gone, the Window frames
and the covering of them in the upper Wards are
rotten and so open that when the least Rain
falls the Water pours into the Wards, That the
Shingling in some few places of the lower part of the
House is bad as are also two or three of the Bottom
Boards: that the Masonry round the Chimney
where the Roof joins to it is entirely open for above

two

two thirds the circumferance of the Chimney that several Bricks are wanting at the top of the Stack of Chimneys and at the back of the Kitchen Fire place many of the Bricks are tumbled out and Burnt away And that as the safety of the Sick Mens Health who are & who may be at the said Hospital as well as the preservation of the Building itself renders it absolutely necessary that the proper Repairs should be given to the House you desire I will give Orders that the same may be done You are hereby required and directed, to cause the said Hospital to be Repaired accordingly wherein you are to use the utmost Oconomy you are to take care that the work be Surveyed by proper Judges as soon as it is compleated and draw Bills on the Commissioners of the Sick & Hurt for defraying the Expences attending it.

Given under my Hand on board the Antelope at St Johns this 7th of Octr 1764

I. B.

To
Mr. Peter Blair
Agent of the Hospital
at St Johns

By Command of the Commodore

R. S.

By the Honble Jno Byron
Commander in Chief &c.

Whereas the Person named in the margin belonging to His Majty Sloop the Otter was left with others in a Block House established on the Coast by Labrador & Victualled by the Purser of the Guernsey up to the 8 of October next You are hereby required and directed to bear him on a Supernumerary List for Victuals only on board His Majty Ship under your command from the 5th of January last when

the

the Guernsey was paid off taking care that the Purser
of the Antelope do account with the said Purser for
such Provisions & necessarys as he has been supplied
with as aforesaid Given under my Hand on board
the Antelope at Chatham this 26 of Augt 1769

To
Capt Gayton
Commander of His Majs
Ship Antelope

By Command of the Commodore

By the Honble Jno Byron
Commander in Chief &c

You are hereby required & directed to proceed with his
Majs Sloop under your command to Portsmouth
forwarding the Letter you will receive herewith to the
Secretary of the Admiralty and acquaint him of your
Arrival. Given under my Hand on board the Antelope
at St Johns this 7th of Sept 1769

JB

To
Capt Hamond
Commander of His Majs
Sloop Savage

By Command of the Commodore

H. S.

By the Hon.ble Jno Byron
Commander in Chief &c.

Thornton
Askew
Dawson
Hunt

You are hereby required and directed to receive on board
his Maj.ty Sloop under your command from the Antelope
the four Invalids named in the Margin and bear them on
a Supernumerary List for Wages and Victuals till your
Arrival in England when you are to discharge them by Pay
lists to be transmitted to the Commissioners of the Navy at
the Port you shall so Arrive Given under my Hand on
board the said Ship at St Johns 8 Oct.r 1769.

To
Captain Hammond,
Commander of His Maj.ty
Sloop Savage.

By the Hon.ble Jno Byron
Commander in Chief &c.

Whereas the Hon.ble Captain Gower Commander of
His Maj.ty Ship Pearl has represented unto me that the
Man named in the Margin was sent from her to the
Brig you command, you being several Men short of
Compliment. You are hereby required and directed to Man him
on the Books of the said Brig from the day he was so sent
the Capt. of the Pearl being ordered to Discharge him from
that time. Given under my Hand on board the Antelope
at St Johns this 28th of Sept.r 1769

Jno Bosville

To
Mr Lane
Commander of His Maj.ty
Brig the Guerrille.

By Command of the Commodore

By the Honble John Byron
Commander in Chief &c

You are hereby required and directed to Discharge from His Maj^ty Ship under your command into the Savage the four Seamen named in the Margin making out Pay Tickets for their Wages which you are to transmit to the Navy Board Messrs Stanhope Watts & Co giving each of them a Certificate containing a true Copy of this Ticket and a Discription of his Person Wm Hunt pursuant to Act of Parliament. Given under my Hand on board the Antelope at St Johns this 8th Octr 1769.

To
Captain Clayton
Commander of His Maj^ty
Ship Antelope
By Command of the Commodore

By the Honble John Byron
Commander in Chief &c

You are hereby required and directed to Discharge from His Maj^ty Ship under your command into the Granville Brig the two Men named in the Margin Given under my Hand on board the Antelope at St Johns this 11th of Octr 1769

Pierce Lewis

To
Capt Clayton
Commander of His Maj^ty
Ship Antelope
By Command of the Commodore

By the Hon.ble John Byron
Commander in Chief &c.

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with His Maj.ty Brigg under your command to Sept.r Ord and aquaint the Secretary of the Admiralty of your Arrival and proceedings Given under my Hand on board the Antelope at St Johns this 1.st of Oct.r 1764

To Mr Lane
Commander of His Maj.ty
Brigg the Grenville
By Command of the Commodore
H. A.

By the Hon.ble John Byron
Commander in Chief &c.

You are hereby required and directed to receive on board His Maj.ty Brigg under your command from the Antelope the Seamen mentioned in the margin and them on as supernumerary's Victuals only. Given under my Hand on board the said Ship at St Johns this 16.th of Oct.r 1764.

William Tid:

To Mr Lane
Commander of His Maj.ty
Brig the Grenville
By Command of the Commodore.
H. A.

By the Hon.ble John Byron
Commander in Chief &c.

Capt.n Clayton of His Maj.ty Ship Antelope having represented to me by Letter of this days date that there is on board her a Quantity of Bread Rotten Mouldy and not fit for Men to eat, and desired a Survey thereon You are hereby required and directed, to repair forthwith on board her and there take a Strict and carefull Survey on the same and if you shall find it as represented and that it is not fit to be kept on board you are to see it thrown over board into the Sea Reporting

to

to me from under your Hands an account of your Proceedings

Given under my Hand on board the said Ship at
St Johns this 18 of Oct 1769 J. B.

To
The Masters
of His Maj Ships Nigen
Guadalupe and the Grenville
Brig
By Command of the Commodore

By the Honble John Byron
Commander in Chief &c.

(Whereas) you have represented to me by Letter of
Yesterdays date that the Necessarys for the Sick the
Hurt Seamen and Marines on board His Majs Ship
under your command are Expended and the Time
for which they were to serve Elapsed, and desired a farth
Supply, You are hereby Required and Directed to cause
the Surgeon to Survey six Months Necessarys for
her Complement not exceeding twopence a Man a
Month for which you are to draw Bills on the
Commissioners of the Navy and take his Receipt to
clear your Impress of the same. Given under my
Hand on board the Antelope at St Johns this 18th of
Oct 1769 J. B.

To
The Honble Capt Cornwallis
Commander of His Majs
Ship Guadalupe
By Command of the Commodore
H. C.

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Commander in Chief &c.

You are hereby required and directed to cause the Boatswain of His Maj.ty Ship under your command to leave in the care of the Commanding Officer of the Fort at this place the Shallops Stores &c. under mentioned Viz.t

Jibs ..... Two
Jolly Boat ..... One
Hawsers of 4½ Inch ... One

Given under my Hand on board the Antelope at St. Johns this 17.th Oct.r 1769

To
Capt.n Wilkinson
Commander of His Maj.ty
Ship Night

By Command of the Commodore
H. C.t

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Commander in Chief &c.

Whereas Mr. Robert Bulley has proposed to furnish His Majs Squadron under my command with such Sea Bread as may be wanted at 12/ Hundred Weight which is as cheap as it can be procured here, from the different Proposals delivered in Writing in pursuance of an Advertizement Published for that purpose You are hereby Required and directed to send for and receive from the said Mr. Bulley the Quantity wanted for His Maj.ty Ships under your command to compleat to eight Months being five thousand and forty Pounds and draw Bills on the Commissioners of the Navy at thirty days sight for the Amount, taking the Necessary Vouchers to produce at

your

passing your Victualing Account Given under my
Hand at St Johns this 25th Sept: 1769

To
Lieu: Grome
Commander of His Majs
Brow the Egmont
By Command of the Commodore

By the Hon: Jn: Byron
Commander in Chief &c:

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with
the first opportunity to your Station from St Lawrence to
Cape Cod and carry into execution such Orders and
Instructions as you have received from Commodore
Palliser and myself and that remain unexecuted
Orders to join the Squadron on her Station from Cape
Race to Cape Ray and deliver to the Hon: Capt: Colby
her Commander the Packet you will receive
herewith, and receive from him the Shallop
employed upon that Station which you are to
see properly secured and the Materials taken
care of during the ensuing Winter Given under
my Hand on board the Antelope at St Johns
this 25th Sept: 1769

To
Lieu: Grome
Commander of His Majs
Brow the Egmont
By Command of the Commodore

By the Honble John Byron
Commander in Chief &c

You are hereby Required and directed to use the utmost dispatch in getting His Maj^s Ship under your command ready for Sea and then to take under your convoy such Merchant Ships as shall be willing to accompany you in your way to Cadiz where you are to remain not exceeding One and Twenty days and are then to take under your convoy such other Ships as shall be ready and desirous to accompany you in your way to Portsmouth and acquaint the Secretary of the Admiralty of your Arrival. Given under my Hand on board the Antelope at St Johns this 17th Octr 1769.

To
The Honble Capt Cornwallis
Commander of His Maj^s
Ship Guadaloupe

By Command of the Commodore

By the Honble John Byron
Commander in Chief &c

You are hereby Required and directed to receive on board His Maj^s Ship under your Command the Invalid named in the Margin belonging to the Royal Regiment of Artillery and keep him on the Supernumerary List for Victuals only 'till your Arrival in England. Given under my Hand on board the Antelope at St Johns this 18th Octr 1769.

To
Capt Wilkinson
Commander of His Maj^s
Ship Niger

By Command of the Commodore

By the Hon.ble Jno. Byron
Commander in Chief &c.

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with His Majty's Ship under your Command to Spithead and acquaint the Secretary of the Admiralty of your Arrival Given under my Hand on board the Antelope at St. John this 18th of Octr 1769

To Capt. Wilkinson
Commander of His Majty
Ship Niger

By Command of the Commodore
H. J.

By the Hon.ble Jno. Byron
Commander in Chief &c.

You are hereby required and directed to Discharge Lieut. Francis Jefferys and his Servant on a Supernumerary List for Victuals only on board his Majty Ship under your Command and to Discharge them on your Arrival in England Given under my Hand on board His Majty Ship Antelope in Port Famine & at Chatteaux 25 Augt 1769 J. B

To Capt. Wilkinson,
Commander of His Majty
Ship Niger.

By Command of the Commodore
H. J.

By the Hon.ble John.s Byron
Commander in Chief &c.

You are hereby required & directed to cause the Boatswain of His Majs Ship under your Command to deliver to the Officers of the Boats of Carbonear at this place three hundred weight of Junk and take their Receipts for the same. Given under my Hand on board His Majs Ship Antelope at St Johns this 27 of Oct.r 1764.

J. B.

To
Capt.n Gayton
Commander of His Majs
Ship Antelope

By Command of the Commodore
J. C.

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Commander in Chief &c.

Whereas by the 19.th Article of the General Printed Instructions under the head of Provisions His Majs Ships are to be supplied with fresh Meat twice a Week in Port and it having been customary for the Purser of the Commanders Officers Ship upon the Newfoundland Station to Purchase for all the Ships of the Squadron you are hereby required and directed to cause the Purser of His Majs Ship under your command, to Purchase fresh Meat conformable to the Instructions, and the usual practice as before said taking care that his Accounts be duly Authenticated, and his Bills for the amount attested by you.

Given under my Hand on board His Majs Ship Antelope at St Johns this - of 1764.

To
Capt.n Gayton
Commander of His Majs
Ship Antelope

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By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Commander in Chief

You are hereby required and directed to cause the Victuals of His Maj.ty Ship under your command to Victual as the Ships Company are at such Allowances as shall be ordered by me all such Supernumeraries as shall be brought on Board her such as Men belonging to other Ships Invalids, Men from the Hospital, and Persons apprehended for Crimes in Newfoundland, and kept on board her for Security. Given under my Hand on board His Maj.ty Ship Antelope at St Johns this 6.th of July 1764.

To
Capt. Leighton
Commander of His Maj.ty
Ship Antelope

The same Day gave Capt. Hanna of the Savage Sloop a like Order

By Command of the Commodore

By His Excellency the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Governor and Commander in Chief &c.a

Whereas I have received Authentick Accounts that in the Month of July 1763 a French Ship of War Named the Unicorn Visited several Ports within my Government particularly Tracadie, where the Captain of her Interfered in matters relative to the Laws and Government of the Country. —

In case you should meet with any French Ship of War within the Limits of your Station, you are in the most Civil and Friendly manner to enquire of the Capt. the Occasion of his coming and should he be driven there by Necessity or Distress you are to offer him Assistance and every

every friendly Office in your Power but should he pretend to come there for the Protection or Defence of the French Fishery, or on any pretence whatsoever other than Distress you are to deliver to him a Copy of the Orders & Regulations and Rules relating to the concurrent Fishery which you will receive herewith and Signifie to him that the Subjects of France resorting to any part of His Britannick Majesty's Dominions to follow any Business or Trade by Virtue of the Treaties Subsisting between the two Nations are whilst in His Majesty's Dominions are under the Protection of His Britannick Majesty only And that in Conformity to His Majesty's Sentiments and firm Resolution of maintaining with the utmost Exactness Probity and good Faith, the Treaties relating to the Fishery I shall with the most impartial Justice to the Subjects of both Crowns inviolably Observe His Majesty's Commands to me upon that head, but that I cannot permit any Officer with a Commission from His Most Christian Majesty or any other foreign Prince or State and with an Armed Force to resort to or Exercise any Authority within any part of His Majesty's Dominions under my Government this in doing so being repugnant to the Words and Spirit of the 13th Article of the Treaty of Utrecht By which the Sovereignty Property and full Possession of this Country is Ceded to the Crown of Great Britain, and the French Expressly Excluded from having any Forts or Forces in any part of it, and the Tenor of the whole of that Article is to provide against the French Encroaching on His

Majesty

Majesty's Territories and on His Subjects Rights and Civil
In case you should meet with any such Officer within
the Limits of your Station you are to Appoint a reasonable
time for him to depart beyond which you are not on any
Account to allow him to Stay, and for your Justification
herein, you are to deliver him a Copy of this my Order
to you.

Given under my Hand this

&c

By the Honble John Byron
Commander in Chief &c.

You are hereby Required and directed to put yourself
under my Command and follow my Orders for
your farther proceedings. Given under my Hand
this 7 of April 1765.

To
The Master of the Tiburon
The Captain of the Pearl Captain
Lindsay of the Syren Sloop, Captain Bennet
of the Shallop Chatham Captain Williams & the
Officer & Captains Chatham Captain Napier
By Command of the Commodore
John Lane Master

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Commander &c.a

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with His Maj.ty Ship under your command to your Station on the South and West Coasts of Newfoundland, from Point La Haine to Cape Ray and from thence to the Northward as high as Ingonish Inclusive including the Magdalene Islands for protecting the Fisheries of His Majs Subjects and observe the following Instructions for your Guidance therein.

1.st

You are first to proceed for York Harbour in the Bay of Islands there to compleat your Beer and Water and you are to visit the Ports Ray, Fortune La Baie the Magdalene Islands and all other Harbours and Bays that you may think proper within your Station.

2.d

You are to use your utmost Diligence to prevent the French from resorting to any Place within the Limits of your Station they being by Treaty expressly excluded therefrom; nor are they to Fish within the distance of three Leagues from any of the Coasts and Islands in the Gulph of St. Lawrence agreeable to the Tenor of several Articles of the Treaties of Utrecht and Paris which are to govern you herewith.

3.d

Whereas the French from St. Johns and Miquelon Fishing in the Gulph do carry on a clandestine Trade with our Canadian and Newfoundland Fishers for dried Fish, Furrs and other Commodities for which they are paid in French Goods or the Manufactures; & Trade is carried on mostly at and about the Magdalene Islands and as this pernicious Trade must be prevented if possible you are to seize and send to me all French Vessels that you may meet with within your Station having on board dry Fish, Furrs or any other Goods whatever other than wet Fish, Fishing Tackle Salt and Provisions

4.th

4th

You are to collect an account of all the Fisheries at the different Ports within your Station according to the Scheme sent you inclosed, in w.ch the Adm.ls of the Harbours, the Justices of the Peace and Naval Offrs will assist you. And in your Acct of the Magdalen Islands you are to be as particular as possible as to the People employed there, distinguishing those from Old England from those employed from New England and the Acadians. When there you are also to get the best Information you can of the Number of French Vessels that are employed Fishing in the Gulph, where they mostly Fish, what success they have had, and any other particulars you can learn relating to this Branch of the Fishery.

5th

As the great extent of Coast assigned to each Ship of War renders it necessary for their Comm.rs to begin early in the Season to collect their Accts of the Fishery we have provided mostly a matter of Speculation than certainty. You are in future to procure two Schemes one for the current and another for the preceding Year, that they Ministry may know with some certainty, the real State and Importance of those Fisheries.

6th

In your hearings and determinations with respect to Fishermen's Wages you are to give the preference to those Men's Complaints who came into the Country this Season and also to those who want to return to Europe and you are to discourage the Fishermen as much as in your power from Wintering in Newfoundland, except they are Green-Men and Ship'd by their Masters upon those Terms.

7th

You are to encourage and support the Fishing Adm.ls in their respective Harbours in their Authority to hear and determine in the first instance all Disputes and Controversies that may arise about Room &c.a And in cases of Appeal to you, you are to decide according to the Act of the 10th and 11th of Will.m the 3d Always taking care to discountenance and prevent as much as possible all litigious and vexatious Complaints and unwarrantable Obstructions to each other. But you are not to Meddle with any Disputes relating to Acts current between March 24th and Faders but leave them to be adjusted by the proper Courts of Law.

8th

You are also hereby Authorized to preserve the Peace and good Order and to prevent all Acts of Violence among the Fishermen; and to Apprehend all Capital Offenders and bring them home with the Witnesses of the Facts, in order to their being Tried at the Assizes at St. Johns.

9th

All French Vessels or Boats that you may have cause to Seize for Fishing without their Limits or for being found in any Port of Newfoundland you are to send in some convenient place or send them to St. Johns, as you shall judge expedient. And with Regard to all such French Subjects, as you may find on board such Boats or Vessels or on shore in Newfoundland you are by the very first opportunity to send either to the Islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon or to the Fishing Ports to the Northward of Point Rich where they may procure themselves a Passage to France; observing first to take down the Declarations of at least two of them in writing upon Oath, touching the exact circumstances under wch they may have been taken. Taking care that they are nowise ill treated or Robbed of their Cloaths.

10th

You are in addition to the foregoing Instructions to carry into execution all such Orders and directions as you have already received from me that remains unexecuted, and continue on your Station so long as any Fishing Ships shall be upon the Coast taking care to join me at St. Johns by the middle of October

Given under my Hand this of April 1770.

To
The Honble Capt. Gower
Commander of His Majs
Ship Beark.

By Command of the Commodore

A List of Papers referred to in the foregoing Instructions and sent herewith.

1st The 13th Article of the Treaty of Utretch.
2d The 5th and 6th Articles of the Treaty of Paris.
3d Signals.
4th Schemes of the Fishery.
5 The Kings Proclamation for the Encouragement of Officers making Seizures.

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Comm.d in Chief &c.

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with
His Maj.s Sloop under your command to S.t Johns
Harbour in Newfoundland, and after compleating
your Beer and Water to repair to your Station on
the Grand Bank there to Cruize from the Latitude
of 47 to 44 Degrees North. Also along the Coast of
Newfoundland from the Harbour of S.t Johns to
Cape Raw for protecting the Fisheries of His Maj.
Subjects observing the following Instructions for
your Guidance therein. /

1.

If you should hear of any Piratical Vessels upon
your Station you are by use your utmost Endeavours
to take and Destroy them. —

2.

You are agreeable to an Act of Parliament of the 10th &
of Wm the 3d commonly called the Fishing Act to
be aiding and Assisting to the Adm.ls Vice Adm.ls
and Rear Adm.ls of the respective Harbours within
your Station in preserving the Peace and good
Government among the Seamen and Fishermen
and in apprehending Offenders. —

3.

Whereas no foreign Ship or Vessel whatever, except
such as is hereafter mentioned have any Right to Fish
at and about Newfoundland and the Commanders
of the Kings Ships having at all times past been
directed not to allow of their Fishing in those parts.
It is therefore His Maj.s pleasure that you take
especial Care to prevent the same and that His Maj.s
pleasure herein be strictly complied with. If you shall
meet with any foreign Ships within the limits of
your Station, you are to Joyn and bring them to
me at S.t Johns, excepting such Ships, as belong to
the Subjects of His Most Christian Majesty, and
that shall be Fishing agreeable to the 13th Article of
the Treaty of Utrecht in 1713, and the 5th and 6th
Articles of the Treaty of Paris in 1763. —

4th

You are to use your utmost Endeavours to prevent all
Clandestine Trade, and to keep an exact Acc.t of all
Foreign Vessels that you may speak with, according
to the form w.ch you will receive herewith, getting from
them

from the best Information you can of the number of Ships and Men employed on the Banks, from the several Ports in France. By which with your own Remarks of the numbers you may see there, and such Accts as shall get by those means, I may be able to lay before His Majy an Acct of the State of this Branch of the French Fishery.

5th

You are to collect an Acct of the State of the Fishery at the several Ports within your Station, according to the Schemes you will herewith receive in which the Admrs of the Harbours, the Justices of the Peace and Naval Officers will assist you. Moreover you are to procure not only one for the present, but likewise another Scheme for the preceding Year, because for the great Want of Coast Frigates to cruize Ships of War, making it necessary to begin very Early in the Season to collect those Accts has rendered the general Acct more a matter of Speculation than Certainty. And this you are to continue to do from Year to Year by procuring two Schemes one for the Current and the other for the preceding Year.

6th

You are by every means in your power to Encourage & oblige the British Fishermen to return to Europe. And upon no consideration whatever, to suffer them to be conveyed to the Colonies by the Ships and Vessels employed from thence.

7th

You are to carry into execution all such Orders Directions and Regulations as you have already rec.d from me, that remain unexecuted. And you are to return to St Johns once a Month there to compleat your Beer and Water, and then proceed agreeable to these and such further Orders as you shall receive.

Given under my Hand this 23d of April 1770.

J. Byron.

To Capt Chapman.
Commander of His Majy
Sloop the Nautilus.

By Command of the Commodore
H. S.

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Commander &c.

You are hereby required and Directed to proceed with the first opportunity of Wind and Weather with His Maj.s Sloop under your command to your Station on the Coast of Labrador from the River St. Johns to the Entrance of Hudsons Bay including the Island of Anticosti, and the Northwest Coast of Newfoundland from Point Riche to Cape Norman for protecting the Fisherys of His Maj.s Subjects observing the following Instructions for your Guidance therein.

1st

You are to proceed to Pitts Harbour in Chateaux Bay on the Coast of Labrador and take under your Care the Shallop w.ch was left there last Year by the Nautilus, w.ch you are to employ as you shall judge most expedient within your Station, taking care to send her along shore with an Officer from Cape Norman to Point Riche with an Officer in her to collect Aug.t the Fishery at the several Harbours agreable to the Schemes sent you herewith.

2d

You are to encourage and support the Fishing Com.rs in their Authority that they hear and determine in the first instance all Disputes and Controversies that may arise about Room &c.a And in cases of Appeal to you from such Determinations, you are to Decide according to the Rules and Regulations prescribed by the Act of the 10.th and 11.th of William the third w.ch is sent you herewith. Always taking Care to discountenance and prevent all litigious and vexatious Complaints and unwarrantable Obstructions to each other w.ch is too common among the Adventurers to the great disadvantage of all the Parties concerned in the Fishery.

3d

All other Disputes or Controversies that may arise within your Station and w.ch are not provided for in the said Act and w.ch may require immediate determination. You are hereby Authorized to hear and determine in a summary way according to the

Customs and usuages of the Fishery and as shall appear to you to be equitable and just, and to transmit to me an Acct of your proceedings. But you are not to meddle with any Disputes relative to the Agreement between Merch.ts and Traders but leave them to be adjusted by the proper Courts of Law.

4th

You are hereby Authorized to preserve the Peace and good Government and to prevent all Acts of Violence among the Fishermen as well within the respective Harbours as on Shore, and to apprehend all Capital Offenders, and bring them to me with the Witnesses in order to their being Tried at the Assizes at St.r Johns. —— 4th

5th

With respect to Disputes between Fishermen and their Masters you are to observe that no Men are to be Discharged in this Desolate Foreign Country; that all Masters when the Time for the Men agreed to serve shall expire are either to carry them home or provide them with a Passage in another Ship, and that no men are liable to be Compelled to Stay. —— 5th

6th

You are to Collect for my Information the exactest State you can of the Fishery within your Stations and Report to me all other interesting Information relating thereunto. Moreover you are not only to procure one for the present but likewise another for the preceding year, because from the great Extent of Coast assigned to each Ship of War making it necessary to begin very Early in the Season to collect those Accts has rendered the Genl Acct more a matter of Speculation than certainty. And this you are to continue to do from Year to Year by procuring two Schemes, one for the current and another for the former Year. —— 6th

7th

All French Ships Vessels or Boats that you may find either at Belle Isle or on the Coast of Labrador without their Limits, you are to seize with their Effects, securing the same in the best manner you may think Advisable. The Papers you are to send or transmit to me; and such Subjects of France as you shall take in them you are to detain 'till you shall meet with an opportunity of sending them to their respective Ships, taking from at least two of them an Attestation upon Oath of the circumstances of their being taken which you are to transmit home.

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8th

You are to use your best Endeavours to prevent all Clandestine Trade and keep an Account of all French Ships and Vessels that you may Speak with &c. Bye with your own Remarks of the number you may see there, and such Remarks that I may get by other means, I may be enabled to lay before His Majy an Acct of this Branch of the French Fishery.

9th

And whereas a Blockhouse is established at Pitts Harbour called York Fort with a Guard of an Officer a Surgeons Mate and eighteen Men you are at all times to afford them such Assistance, Countenance and Protection as they may require, consistently with the Service you are employed upon.

10th

And as Disputes frequently happen among the Fishermen both English and French in that part of Newfoundland within your Station about the taking of Bait. For the putting a Stop to such Disputes for the future, you are to cause one of the Proclamations herewith Sent you to be delivered to each of the Admrs of the Ports both English and French and make the same as Public as you can.

11th

You are to continue on your Station so long as any Fishing Ships shall remain upon the Coast, taking Care to join me at St Johns by the Middle of Octr

Given under my Hand this of April 1770

J. B.

To
Capt. Williams
Commander of His Majs
Sloop the Otter

By Command of the Commodore
H. O.

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Commander &.a —

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with His Maj.y Ship under your command to Plym.o there to receive on board, her Complement of Marines consisting of one Second Lieutenant, one Sergeant, one Corporal, one Drummer and twenty Private Men. Upon your arrival you are to acquaint me by Letter, and use your utmost Dispatch in getting her in all respects ready for the Sea. Given under my Hand this 21.st of April 1770.

J.B.

To
Capt.n Hawker
Commander of His Maj.y
Ship the Albemarle &.a

By Command of the Commodore
H.C.

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Commander &.a —

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with the utmost dispatch without loss of time with His Maj.y Brigantine under your Command, and carry on the Survey of the Coast of Labrador from Square Island to the North.d as far as you can. You are to remain on this Service, so long as the Season will permit and then repair to Join me at St. Johns. Given under my Hand this 1.st of May 1770.

J.B.

To
Mr. Lane
Master of His Maj.y
Brigantine the
Grenville

By Command of the Commodore
H.C.

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron Esq.r
Commander &c.

Whereas His Majy was pleased by an Order in Council of May the 3d 1769 to encourage the Unitas Fratrum — and their Society for the Furtherance of the Gospel among the Heathen to make a Settlement on the Northern Coast of Labrador for the purposes of Civilizing and Instructing the Savages Inhabiting that Coast, and to permit and allow certain Persons in trust for the Unitas Fratrum and its Society for the furtherance of the Gospel and to occupy and Possess during His Majy Pleasure a certain Quantity of Land in such part of Esquimaux Bay on the Coast of Labrador as they shall find most suitable to their purpose. And Whereas His Majy did at the same time order that the Govr or Commd.r in Chief of Newfoundland for the time being, do give them all reasonable Assistance and Support in forming the said Establishment and in His Majy name to warn all Persons from Molesting and disturbing the said Settlers; and Whereas certain Persons who are Members of the said Society for the furtherance of the Gospel have purchased the Jersey Packets, — Burthen Tons and Navigated with Men in order to go this Year to the Coast of Labrador to converse with the Esquimaux and try to bring them to a peaceable temper and to look out for such parts on or near Esquimaux Bay as may suit best for the purpose of Establishing a Mission of the Unitas Fratrum, and to that end have engaged some Missionaries to go on board the said Jersey Packets for the laudable purposes aforesd.

These are therefore to certify to all Persons whom it may concern that this Establishment is undertaken and formed under His Majy Express Direction and Authority whose Protection they are under. And all Officers Civil and Military, and all other His Majy Subjects within my Government, are hereby strictly charged and required not to give any Interruption or Hinderance to the said Mission, but that they do afford the said Mr Isham all Friendly Assistance for the success of their pious undertaking calculated

for

for the Benefit of Mankind in general and for the Kingdom of Great Britain in particular Given under my Hand this 21st of April 1770

J. B.

By Command of the Commodore

H. S.

By the Hon.ble Jno. Byron Commander &c.

Whereas Capt. Gayton Commander of His Majs. Ship the Antelope has represented unto me that the said Ship is in want of a Lieutenant in the Room of Lieutenant James Mitchell who is left behind as being incapable of returning to his Duty by reason of Sickness

By Virtues of the Power and Authority to me Given I do hereby Appoint you acting third Lieut. of His Majestys said Ship the Antelope. Willing and requiring you forthwith to take upon you the Charge and Command of third Lieutenant in her accordingly. Strictly charging and commanding all the Officers & Company belonging to the said Ship subordinate to you to behave themselves jointly and severally in their respective Employments with all due Respect and Obedience unto you their said Lieutenant. And you are likewise to observe and execute as well the Genrial Print.d Instructions, as what orders and directions you shall from time to time receive from you Capt. or any other your Superior Officers, for His Majs. Service. And for so doing this shall be your Warrant. Given under my Hand this 17th day of May 1770.

J. B.

To
Mr. Richd. Creyk
acting officer ont. His Majs.
Ship Antelope hereby appointed
acting third Lieut. of her til further Order.

By Command of the Commodore

H. S.

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Commander &c.a

By virtue of the Power and Authority to me Given I do hereby appoint you Second Lieutenant of His Maj.y Ship the Antelope. Willing and requiring you forthwith to take upon you the Charge and Command of 2.d Lieutenant in her accordingly. Strictly charging and commanding all the Officers and Comp.y belonging to the said Ship subordinate to you to behave themselves jointly and severally in their respective Employments with all due respect and Obedience unto you their said Lieutenant: and you are likewise to observe and execute as well the General Printed Instructions, as what orders and directions you shall from time to time receive from your Capt.n or any other your Superior Officer for His Maj.y Service. And for so doing this shall be your Warrant. Given under my Hand this 23.d Day of May 1770.

J. Byron

To
Mr. Jno Kendall
hereby appointed Second
Lieu.t of His Maj.y Ship
the Antelope

By Command of the Commodore
H. S.

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Commander &c.a

You are hereby required and directed to take upon you the Charge and Command of Acting Lieutenant of His Maj.y Ship Antelope here in command to the third Lieutenant. Strictly charging all the Officers and Ships Company subordinate to you to behave themselves jointly and severally in their respective Employments with all due respect and Obedience unto you their said acting Lieut.t and you are to observe and execute as well the General Printed Instructions as what orders and directions you shall receive from your Capt.n or other your your Superior Officers for His Maj.y Service. Given under my Hand on b.d the said Ship at Sea this 17.th of May 1770.

J. Byron

Mr. Jno Kendall
appointed acting Lieutenant
of His Maj.y Ship Antelope
by Command of the Commodore
H. S.

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Commander &c.a

The French Ambassador having in a Memorial delivered to Lord Weymouth one of His Maj.y Principal Secretary's of State on the 29.th of March last, complained of sundry Obstructions given to the Fishery of the Subjects of that Crown on those parts of the Coast of Newfoundland where they are allowed to carry it on in common with His Maj.y Subjects, and, in particular that their Ships and Vessels have been denied the Privilege of resorting to the Harbour of Bonavista; that they have been prevented from Fishing on Sundays and Holidays and have been excluded the benefit of all or some of Situations in several Harbours within the Limits of the concurrent Fishery by means of fixed and sedentary Establishments made therein by His Maj.y Subjects; The King has taken those several Complaints into His Royal Consideration, and it being His Majesty's determined Resolution to observe inviolably the Stipulations of the Treaties of Utrecht and Paris, and that the Instructions already given to you for the Regulation of the Fishery of both Nations carried on upon the Coast of Newfoundland between Bonavista and Point Riche should be observed with the strictest Attention to the just Rights of the Subjects of France founded on those Treaties. You are therefore in pursuance of His Maj.y Pleasure signified to me by the Earl of Hillsborough another of His Maj.y Principal Secretary's of State as also by the Lords Commiss.rs of the Admiralty strictly to observe the following Instructions in addition to those w.ch you have already received from me respecting the said Fishery. Viz.t —

1.st You are to take great Care that the Subjects of France be not hindered from, or disturbed in resorting to any part of those Harbours in Newfoundland w.ch lie within the Limits abovementioned

provided

provided they be contented with such a just and moderate use of those Privileges as is warranted by the Letter and Spirit of Treaties, and that they conform to those ~~Orders~~ Regulations wch are prescribed by your Instructions founded on the said Treaties, and calculated to preserve that fair and equitable concurrence in the Fishery wch is the peculiar Object of them.

2dly You are to take great Care that the Subjects of France be not included within any of those Restrictions wch are in their nature peculiar to and were originally intended for the Fishery of His Majy Subjects only, and are founded on the Act of Parliament of the 10. and 11. of Wm the 3d wch does not in the Opinion of His Majy Law Officers, extend to those parts of the Coast of Newfoundland, which were not in the Possession of the Crown of Great Britain, at the time it was enacted.

3dly You are to take especial Care that such Ships and Vessels of both Nations as shall resort to the Northern parts of Newfoundland, between Bonavista and Point Rich for carrying on the Fishery, do chuse their Stations as they respectively arrive and that they do occupy such Space only of Beach as shall be proportioned to the number of their Boats.

Given under my Hand at St Johns this of 1770.

To
Capt Hawker
Commander of His Majs
Ship the
Aldborough

By Command of the Commodore

H.O.

To the Right Hon.ble the Lords
Commissioners for Trade and
Plantations

Lincolns Inn 21st March 1764

May it please your Lordships

In obedience to your Lordships
Commands signified to us by Mr. Pownall's
Letter dated the 14th instant intimating that your
Lordships had received His Maj.ty Commands to
prepare a Draught of such additional Instructions
as might legally and properly be given to the
Gov.r of Newfoundland for preventing the Subjects
Subjects from giving any interruption or
disturbance to the Subjects of France in carrying
on the Fishery upon the Coast of that Island
which they are allowed by Treaty within the Limits
therein described, and also enclosing to us by your
Lordship's direction, a Draught of such Additional
Instructions prepared by your Lordships for that
purpose, and signifying to us your Lordships
Pleasure that we should give our Opinion
whether they are such as may legally be given
to the said Gov.r

We have taken Mr. Pownall's
Letter and the Additional Instructions sent
herewith and beg leave to annex together with
the Statute of the 10 and 11th. of Wm. the 3d. Cap. 24
for the Encouragement of the Trade to Newfoundland
and so much of the Treaty of Utrecht and the late
Treaty of Paris as relates to the Subject of your
Lordships Reference, into our consideration, and
we are humbly of Opinion that the said Addl.
Instructions, prepared by your Lordships with
such Alterations as we have taken the Liberty
to make therein may be legally given to the
Gov.r of Newfoundland, the same being, as we
conceive, not repugnant to the true Sense and
meaning of the Statute of King Wm. and

conformable

conformable to the 13th Article of the Treaty of Utrecht and the 5th Article of the Treaty of Paris. For tho' the Statute of the 10th and 11th of Wm the 3d seems to confine the whole Trade of Newfoundland to His Maj: English Subjects, Yet as the French were at the time of Passing that Act, and had been for many Years before in possession of several parts of that Island, and notoriously carried on an open Fishery there, and claim'd to be entitled to the same, and as that possession and the Exercise of a Fishery had not been rejected or disallowed on the Part of England, by the Treaty of 1686, nor by the then late Treaty of Ryswyck in the Year 1697, although several Petitions of Merch.ts and others had been presented to the House of Commons in the Year 1696, Complaining of Encroachments of the French upon the English Trade of the Fishery; it seems to us, that the Statute of King William was not meant, to extend to such parts of the Island of Newfoundland and its adjacent Isles and Places as were then left in the Possession of the French, not to abridge or restrain the Power of the Crown over the same, consequential upon the Royal Prerogative of making Peace; The Exercise of which in this particular Instance has received the repeated Approbation of both Houses of Parliament, in their Resolutions upon the several Treaties of Utrecht and Paris.

All w.ch is humbly submitted to your Lordships consideration

C. Hay
Fl.x Norton
Wm de Grey

The Report of His Maj:
Advocate Attorney and
Solicitor General on a
Draught of Add.l
Instructions to the Gov.r
of Newfoundland.

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron,
Commander &c.

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with His Majestys Ship under your command to that part of the Coast of Newfoundland, extending from Cape Race to Point Le Haie - both inclusive, and strictly to observe the following Instructions Viz.t

1.st

Whereas I am informed, that many of the French Inhabitants of the Islands St. Pierre and Miquelon, immediately after the late Peace did begin a Practice of resorting to, and Wintering in several Places on the Coast of Newfoundland within your Station, where they Built Vessels, Boats and other Craft, insulted and Robbed His Majestys Subjects, and that in the Fall and early in the Spring, they Cut down and carried away, great Quantities of Timber for all uses, and Hunted the Standing Trees; That they also resorted to the Harbours, Bays, Creeks and Islands all along the Coast within your Station to take Fish, particularly about the Bays of Placentia, Fortune and Despair, and to the Islands Lamelin, Burnet, Penguin, Ramea and Burgeo, where they also Robbed our Fishers of their Boats and other Bait: All which being directly contrary to the Treaties subsisting between the two Crowns; an encroachment on His Majestys Dominions, and on the Fisheries belonging to His Subjects: You are to use your utmost diligence, to prevent a renewal of those Encroachments

Commissioners for having been first thereto) by seizing the Ships Vessels or Boats as you may have employed in those services

2.

And Whereas the Subjects of France from the said Islands St Pierre and Miquelon by the above mentioned Treaty have been accustomed to resort with Boats along the Coast of Newfoundland to Trafick with the Inhabitants to the great Increase of the Trade, Manufacture and Navigation of the Kingdom; You are to be very diligent in looking after such Illicit Traders and to seize all French Vessels or Boats that you may meet with Trafficking or Fishing any where along the Coast within the said Islands St Pierre and Miquelon (that is to say) such as are Fishing inwards from the said Islands, towards the Coast of Newfoundland. But notwithstanding what is directed in this & the preceding Articles respecting French Vessels and Illicit Trade, you are most strictly charged, not to give the least Molestation or hinderance to any French Fishers that you may meet, without the Islands (that is to say) outwards from the said Islands towards the Ocean from proceeding to take shelter in those Islands And you are to allow them a free passage in and out of their Ports, lying on that side of their Islands w.ch face towards the Coast of Newfoundland, according to the true meaning of the 6.th Article of the Treaty of Paris 1763.

All Vessels & Boats you may have
reason to suspect to be guilty of what is directed
in any of the foregoing Articles for Preventing
so Fishing without the Limits, or for Illicit
Trade you are to carry them to some Place of
Safety where they may be secured till Report is
made to me of the Circumstances and cause
of Seizure & I do require you and to be
very respectful to & to give no Loss, waste or Embezzlement
of their Cargoes or Materials; and all Persons
Subjects found in any such French Vessels
or Boats you are as soon as possible to send
or show either to St Pierre or Miquelon, —
keeping for my Examination the Masters of
Boats and the Master and one Man
belonging to Vessels of twenty Tons or upwards,
employed for Illicit Trade or for Fishing on
the Coast, together with all the Ships Papers.
But with respect to such as you shall take
for Landing to Cut Wood you are to send
them all away keeping an Acct of their Names
& Circumstances of their being taken, to be
laid before me. All English Vessels or Boats
you may have Cause of Seizing for Illicit Trade
or for communicating with the Islands of St —
Pierre or Miquelon, you are to send to St
John's to be proceeded against according to Law
after Oath of the People have been Examined —
in the Admiralty Court here by the
Officers employed at the Seaports you are
Stationed at but no French Vessels whatever
are to be sold or disposed of till the case has
been laid before me.

6.

Whereas it has been found that a great number of Inhabitants are left behind at the close of the Fishing under Merchants Supplies and thereby in Debt without a possibility of ever being able to clear themselves. That several of them after the Ships are gone and it is found many more may engage to [illegible] with the [illegible] and be wholly employed for the French both for Fishing and for Clandestine Trade to the utter ruin of the Fishery, Trade and Navigation of His Majestys Subjects in these parts: For preventing of it in case you meet with any Vessels or Boats within your Station that has on board a mixture of English and French Crews or if all English but under suspicious Circumstances of being Vessels or Employed as above, you are to carry them to the nearest Port and call to your assistance the Admirals of the Port and Justices of the Peace if there are any and strictly to examine the People found in such Vessels or Boats with any others that can give information relating to them, and if it appears by evidence upon Oath that such Boats or Vessels with their Materials or Fish in them have been stolen from any British Subjects in Newfoundland you are immediately to restore the same to the Right Owners and in that Case to secure the Persons concerned in such Robberies in order to their being tried for such Robbery at the general Assizes.

7th

I recommend it to you in all your proceedings in Execution of the foregoing Articles to be very carefull to prevent any cruel unjust or ill Treatment to any of His Majesty's Subjects

or

[illegible] of his most Christian Majesty
you take care to prevent any Encroachment
Damage or Loss by your People of any Goo
Effects or any Vessels or Boats that you
may have taken or [illegible]

If any of you should at any time receive
Letters & Messages from the Governor
[illegible] or from any other Officer
of His most Christian Majesty you are to
make no other answer thereto, but you will
lay it before Us as soon as possible and let
him know that in the mean time not
Most Christian Majesties Subjects will
be molested or hindered in not [illegible]
exercising of themselves offending. But
you are not to enter into any Correspondence
or Dispute upon any particular Points respecting
their Rights pretensions &c. They may acquaint
you therewith.

You are diligently to enquire what Fish you can
find on the several Banks and Fishing
Places and Navigation and every thing
relating to their proceedings at those Islands
particularly whether they have Landed or
Erected any Forts
Batteries or Works, or are Building
or have any
Naval Establishment or Magazines of Naval
Stores with them the Quantity & Value of the
Goods they Import together with any
interesting accounts of their proceedings or designs
you are to transmit home, as often as opportunity offers

10th

As the great extent of Coast allotted to the Ships of War renders it necessary for their Commanders to begin early in the Season to collect the Amount of the Fishery &c: I have proved merely a matter of Speculation than certainty You are instructed to procure two Schemes one for the current and another for the preceding Year, that the Ministry may know with some certainty the value & importance of those Fisheries.

11th

11.

The Shallop at Placentia, you are to take care of and to employ as you may see convenient in the Harbours and Bays along the Coast within your Station. and you are not to employ her upon any Duty about St. Pierre or Miquelon, but when you are immediately in the Neighbourhood yourself, that is at Grand Jarvis or St. Lawrence; Charging the Officer commanding her never to Land at those Islands, but when you shall see occasion to send them thither; which you are hereby directed not to do, but on very important occasions, and when the Service may require it.

12th

12.

If you should hear of any of the Micmack or Cape Breton Indians, being on the Coast within your Station you are to endeavour to drive them away, and to order them to return to their own Country, agreable to the Orders given them in the Year 1765. The Governor of Halifax having Complained of their Landing heretofore at Newfoundland, and of their having held a Correspondence with the French at St. Pierre & Miquelon.

13th

I having been represented by several Adventurers to the Fishery in and about Fortune Bay that it will be of great prejudice to them, if they are not permitted to Extend their Boats to Fish, in all the Banks within the Islands St Pierre and Miquelon, as their Voyages principally depend thereon, and apprehending they are excluded therefrom, by those Banks lying within four Leagues of those Islands and praying they may be permitted to Fish there as usual: I have in your application, they have been informed, That in order to preserve that Coast Fishery entire to our People; notice has been given to the French that they will not be suffered to disturb British Subjects of any part of the Fishery on that Coast and that they are not to extend their Boats to Fish any where between the Islands and the Coast of Newfoundland. Therefore conformably to this you are to permit our People to Fish upon those Banks, and use your best endeavours to prevent any of them from having any dealings of any Kind with the French, and to inform them that if they have, it will occasion restraints to be laid on them all. ——

11th

(Signed) [illegible] on your Station as long as the Service will permit, taking care to join [illegible] by the Middle of Octr. Given under my Hand this 1770.

J. B.

To Capt. [illegible]
Commander of His Majs
Ship Colus.

By Command of the Commodore
H. S.

(A List of Papers [illegible])

Papers referred to in the foregoing Representation and Memorial &c.

1 Schemes of the Fishery
2 No. 5th & 6th Articles of the Treaty of Paris.
3 No. 13th Article of the Treaty of Utrecht
4 Proclamation for the Restitution of Ships & Goods confiscated.
5 Regulations of the Salmon Fishery
6 Proclamation for restraining the Insults committed on the Subjects.
7 Order to Vessels French Subjects
8 Signals.
9 Order to regulate the Pilots
10 Order to seize Ships Laden contrary to Law.
11 Order to Seize Ships not Registered &c.
12 Order not to entertain Persons employed in the Fishery
13 Two Acts of the 10th & 11th of William the 3d.
14 Form for keeping an Account of Ships & Vessels spoke with at Sea.
15 Order to Seize Ships &c. Trading with the French at St Pierre & Miquelon.

Signals.

When I would speak with the Captain Commander of any of the Ships and Vessels undermentioned I will put abroad a Pendant as against his Name. If with a Lieutenant he will make the same Signal and at Mast of the ensign. And for a Boat without an Officer the Mast will be hoisted but half Mast.

R.	White	Blue	Three Flags
Edinburgh	Carnarvon Otter Egmont	Amethyst Minerva Hyacinth Thetis Granville Rizzo	Captains

The other Signals whose you to the Small Vessels Sailing Fighting without mentioning

Given this 4th day of July 1810

J. B.

By Command of the Commodore

H. C.

By the Honble Jno Byron
Commander &c.

Whereas I have appointed the Hunter Gally
Carpenter of His Majesty's Ship under my
Command to survey the Harbours of Trinity Bay
and Conception Bay, You are hereby
required and directed forthwith to
go and there take a strict and careful Survey
thereof, wch you are to deliver into the Charge &
Custody of the succeeding Carpenter, Reporting
to me from time to time your Proceedings. Given under my Hand on board
the Antelope at Plymouth this 21 day of June 1770

By Command of the Commodore.

By the Honble Jno Byron
Commander &c.

You are hereby required & directed to proceed with
His Majesty's Ship under your command to your
Station on the Coast of Newfoundland, from
Cape Bonavista to Cape Norman for protecting
the Fisheries of His Majesty's Subjects, and
observe the following Instructions viz.

1st In your way you are to call at St. John's for the
Packet & Mail boat which was left there last year by
the Antelope, and sending her along shore to
collect accounts of the Fishery as well of the
French as the English at the several Harbours
and Creeks within your Station, you are to proceed
without loss of time to Croque Harbour and after
being joined there by the Packet, you will
employ her along the Coast as you may see
occasion.

4th Having been represented that Disputes have arisen between Masters of Vessels and the Seamen employed in the Fishery, and that great Inconveniencies have been found to attend the Practice of determining such Disputes by Law, which has been generally attended with Expence to the Parties, and Delay to the Business; You are to endeavour to accommodate such Disputes or Differences in the best and most impartial manner, giving no Preference to any.

5th Complaint having been made to me that the Masters of Vessels employed in the Fishery, have frequently, under Pretence of Fishing, Trafficked with the Indians, and supplied them with Spirituous Liquors, Fire Arms, Ammunition, and other Articles, in Exchange for Furs, Skins, and other Commodities, which the Indians have procured by Hunting, to the great Detriment of the Trade carried on by the Subjects of Great Britain with the Indians, You are therefore to take the most effectual Measures to prevent such Practices for the future. And you are to make strict Enquiry into the Conduct of the Masters of Vessels employed in the Fishery, and to report to me from Time to Time, such Irregularities as you shall discover in them.

6th You are to support the British Fishery, Colonial and Provincial, in the Execution of all such Powers and Authorities as are given you by an Act passed in the 10th Year of the Reign of King William the 3d and in case of Appeal to you, you are to determine according to the Rules and Regulations contained in the said Act, touching all the Causes of Dispute to my Decision as aforesaid.

7th If any Persons shall commit Murder, Theft, or any other Capital Offence, or Oath being made thereof before you, you are to apprehend the Offenders, and carry them with the proper Witnesses to St Johns that they may take their Trials at the General Assizes, annually to be held there.

8th

8th In case any of the Esquimaux or Equimaux Savages should come over to Newfoundland you are to endeavour to prevent the French having any Traffick or Communication with them: also to prevent His Majty's Subjects, as well as those of France, or any Foreigners coming to Land, by those barbarous people and you are likewise to prevent their being molested or ill used by either English or French.

9th If any Vessel from the Plantations should arrive at any place within your Station you are to be accurately shut to prevent their having any Communication or Traffick with the French.

10th You are to report to me &c. &c. of any persons acting contrary to the things by these Rules and Orders before required to, with all particular circumstances relating thereunto.

11th You are to use every means in your power, for procuring an exact and precise State of the Fishery, Trade and Inhabitants at the several places within your Station according to the Heads which you will herewith receive and wherein the Naval Officers, Justices of the Peace and Fishing Admirals will assist you.

12th Every time you continue on this Service you are at the first opportunity offers to transmit me accounts of your proceedings and all interesting occurrences, and in case you should receive Intelligence of any matter or thing that you may think of such importance to His Majty's Service I should be immediately informed, you are to send it by a careful hand and in the most expeditious way you can.

13th You are to continue on this Service so long as the ... shall remain on the Coast within your Station and then proceed to join me at St Johns.

14th

[illegible] to Protect such Subjects
[illegible] French Ships and Vessels
employed in the Fishery on the Newfoundland
Coast as may be found in the
Harbour

By the Hon.ble Jno. Byron,
Commander &c.

Whereas I have appointed Rob.t Yates
[illegible] Majesty's Ship
[illegible] the former removed
to the Albemarle and Capt. Chapman her
Commander directed to receive on board
[illegible] Stores belonging to
[illegible] hereby
required and directed to repair forthwith
on board the said Ship and there take a
strict and careful Survey thereon; which
you are to deliver into the charge and
Custody of the succeeding Carpenter; & report
to me from under your Hands an Account
of your proceedings therein undermy
Hand on board the Antelope at [illegible]
this 20th day of June 1770.

To Master of His Majesty's
Ship the Antelope and
Albemarle and the Carpenters
of the said Ships

By Command of the Commodore

By the Hon.ble Sir Peter Parker
Commander &c.

Whereas I have appointed the Carpenter
of His Majesty's Sloop the Martin to be
Carpenter of the Albemarle on Board of
the former Accounts of you are hereby required
and directed to repair forthwith on board the
Albemarle and there to take without Loss
of time Charge on the Accounts of Carpenter
Stores and Deliver the same unto the Chief
and Cooper of the succeeding Carpenter;
Returning to me Copies under your Hands
an Account of your proceedings. Given
under my Hand on board His Majesty's
Ship Yarmouth this 25th of June 1770.

To the Carpenters of His Maj.
Ships Antelope and Hunter
Sloop, and the Carpenters Mate
of the Antelope

By Command of the Commander

By the Honble Sir Hyde
Commander &c

Captain Hamilton of His Majesty's Ship the
Thorough having represented to me by Letter
of this Days date, that there are many
Men in Custody of Peace & some Cheese
useful for the Boat and desires a Survey
thereon. You are hereby required & directed
to repair forthwith on board the said Ship
take a strict & careful Survey on the same
and if you shall find it as represented you
are to see it thrown overboard into the
Sea. Reporting to me forthwith under your
Hand an Account of your proceedings.
Given under my Hand on board the
Antelope at Portsmouth this 5th July 1777

To the Master of His Majesty's
Ships Antelope & Thorough,
and to the Masters Mates
of the Antelope

By Command of the Commodore
H.O.

By the Honble Sir Hyde
Commander &c

Whereas Captain Chapman Commander
of His Majesty's Sloop the Swallow has
represented unto me by Letter of this Days
Date, that the Lieutenant of the said Sloop
is sick on shore at the Hospital, and
incapable of returning on board to his
Duty and that she is ready to proceed to
Sea pursuant to her Orders, I do hereby
appoint you acting Lieutenant of the said
Sloop, willing and requiring you to repair
forthwith

forthwith on board and take upon you the
Charge and Command of acting Lieutenant
of her accordingly, strictly charging all the
Officers and Ships Company under your
to you, to behave themselves jointly and
severally in their respective Employments
with all due respect and Obedience unto you
their said acting Lieutenant, and you are to
observe and execute as well the General
Printed Instructions, as what Orders and
Directions you shall receive from your
Captain or other your Superior Officer
His Majesty's Service. Given on board
the Antelope at St. John's
this 5th of July 1770.

To
Mr. Willm Young,
Midshipman on board
the Antelope, hereby appointed
Actg Lieut. of His Majs Sloop

By Command of the Commodore

Sir

You are to proceed with the Ship under your Command & with the Tender in Company to the Island of Bermuda, and upon your Arrival there you are to put into the Dock Yard to be Careened, Victualled & Stored with all Expedition, and when ready for Sea you are to Join Commodore Hotham off the Island of St. Christophers, or wherever else you may find him, and follow his Orders for your further Proceedings.

Given under my Hand on board His Majesty's Ship the Antelope at Sea this 29th day of June 1780.

To Capt. Hawker Commander of His Majesty's Ship the Alligator

By Command of the Commodore

J. Bd.

By His Excellency the Honble Joseph Jo...
Governor &c.

Whereas a Bill has passed with a Clause for the Encouragement of the Fishery on the Coast of Labrador, and for the Protection of His Majesty's Subjects concerned in the Fisheries, as well from the Bad Usage they receive from the Canadians and Native Savages inhabiting that Country, as from their Enemies and other Persons having Designs upon their Ships and Effects: You are hereby required to [illegible] forthwith on board His Majesty's Ship [illegible] and proceed with the first favourable Wind to the Coast of Labrador, and there diligently to put in Execution the following Instructions for your Government.

1st You are by every means in your power to protect and defend His Majesty's Subjects resorting thither for carrying on the Fisheries in their Persons, Properties & Effects.

2d Whereas I am informed that many Banditti Crews from the Canadian & other adjacent Countries have before this Time been guilty of the most heinous Crimes such as Robbing, Plundering and Murdering each other and the Native Savages inhabiting the said Country, destroying the Fishing Craft, Nets & Materials & Utensils for carrying on the Fishery, & committing other Enormities to the Obstruction & Prejudice of the Fisheries; You are as much as in you lies

Lies to prevent the like Practices in future.
And the better to enable you to bring the
Offenders to Justice you will herewith receive
a Commission of the Peace and in case
you shall apprehend any Capital Offender
you are to deliver them to the Constables
of his Majesty's Ship to be conveyed to St. Johns
(or such other place) that they may be
tried for the same at the Assizes.

3. You are not by virtue of the Power and
Authority given to you to do any thing
contrary to the Act of the 10. and 11. of
William the 3d, nor oppose the Fishing
Vessels in their Authority.

4. You are to receive into your Care and
Charge the Cannon, Arms, Ammunition
and Stores in the Fort and keep an Account
of the same, returning thereon the
Quantity used or Decay.

5. You are to call to the Guard for the Fort
to consist of [illegible] and keep the strictest
Discipline and Order and to see that
Officers and Soldiers do all to be under your
immediate command for His Majesty's Service.
The Sergeant Corporals Privates Drummer
of the Detachment of the Royal Regiment of
Artillery Commanded by Lieutenant
Alborough to each have
for the Service of this Ship
you are the first person and the
Sergeant next after. The Yawl and
Rowing Boat are to be employed on the
Service as you shall think proper and occasion
may require. Provisions and Necessaries will
be sent for, to serve till the 31st of August 1771, by
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the Causes of the Whole Letter, and you are
carefully and diligently (during your stay
on the Coast) carry on the Service
by the Commanders Orders, & upon all
Opportunity may offer of sending you
Orders from the Commander in Chief.

6th You are to be very careful in keeping a strict
Guard, and making such dispositions as may
secure you from any sudden Surprize or
Attack of the Enemy. You are to be frequently
careful, more by night than by day, that
People do not come on board you in any of your
Boats or Canoes, and above all
things, never to admit above one or two within
your Works at a time, nor by Night on
Any account whatsoever. And when you shall readmit them, you are
to examine, that you may be convinced they
are not Enemies, and dismiss them
with Civility and Friendship. You are to keep
always upon your Guard, never entirely trusting
them to be true to you, for Treachery, and
on no account suffering the People under your
Command to go without Arms, either by
Land or in Boats.

7th If any French or other foreign Vessels shall
come upon the Coast, you are to detain them
(except in cases of very apparent Distress) and
deliver them into the Charge of the first
of His Majesty's Ships that shall arrive, to be
sent to St. Johns for Condemnation.

8. When H. M. shall leave the Coast for the Winter season, you are to receive on board such Stores belonging to the Fort as you shall think proper, and shall spare without inconvenience to the Service, and to see that the Vessel employed under her Convoy be properly Victualled and Watered for the Voyage.

9. You are to communicate this Instruction to the Commanders of any of the Kings Ships or Vessels that may arrive, and follow such Orders as they may judge necessary to give you for His Majesty's Service.

10. In case of your Absence or Death it is my Direction that Mr. McLeod do take upon him the command of the Fort, and act after him.

Given under my Hand at Fort Albany this 7th January 1777

Wm. Tyer Esq. hereby appointed to Command the Fort and Garrison in Charlevoix Bay

By His Excellency's Command.

H. Ogle

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron,
Commander &c.a - - -

You are hereby required and directed to follow and obey all such Orders and Directions for His Majesty's Service as Captain Hunter Captain under of the Albemarle shall think fit to give you for Relieving H.M. Garrison of York Fort in Chatagua Bay and furnishing them with Provisions and Necessaries. Given under my Hand at Sea on Board this 8.th of July 1765

To Mr. Williams
2.d Commd.r of His Maj.ty
Sloop the Otter

By Command of the Commodore
H.O.

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron,
Commd.r &c.a - - - - - - -

Whereas a Blockhouse is established at Fitts Harbour in Chatagua Bay on the Coast of Labrador with a Guard of two & twenty Men, and Victualled by the Owners of the Antelope up to the 31.st of August next inclusive, for the Protection of His Maj.ty Subjects employed in the Fisheries as well from the Banditti Crews from the Colonies as the Native Savages inhabiting that Country, and their Craft and other Effects from being Burnt and Destroyed during the Winter Season. You will herewith receive a List of those Men, and you are hereby required and directed to proceed to Chatagua and cause them to be Relieved by an equal number, and to

from His Maj.ty Ship under your command
including the 11 Persons named in the margin
who are sent from the Antelope (The four
Marines and three Seamen late belonging
to the Guernsey, you are in pursuance of
the directions of the Lords Commiss.rs of the
Admiralty, to bear on a Supernumerary
List for Wages and Victuals, from the 15.th
of January 1769, when that Ship was paid
off, making out Pay Lists for their Wages,
and discharging them upon your Arrival
in England; and the Seamen and Marines
sent from the Antelope, on a Supernumerary
List for Victuals only, 'til you meet with
an opportunity of sending them on board
their proper Ship. You are to cause the Purser
of the Alborough, to receive from the Purser
of the Antelope, Provisions and Necessaries
for them, the Men that shall be left with the
said Sloop 'til the 31.st of August 1771
inclusive, and to give Capt. Williams of
the Alborough such directions as you shall
judge expedient for this Service. And
as it shall be performed in which you are to
use the utmost dispatch you are to employ
your Station agreable to your former
Orders, acquainting me of your proceedings
therein. Given under my Hand at St. Johns
this 8.th of July 1770.

To Capt.n Hawker
Commd.r of His Maj.ty
Ship the Alborough

By Command of the Comm.rs
H. C.

By the Hon.ble Sir
Commander &c.

Whereas you have represented to me by
Letter of this day's date that the Necessaries
for the Sick and Hurt Seamen and Marines
of His Maj.ty's Ship under your command
are expended and the time for which they were
to have been Victualled and ordered as the
Supply. You are hereby required and directed
to cause Application to be made to the Victualling
Office for such Necessaries for the use of your said Ship
as you shall want to draw Bills
on the Commissioners of the Navy, taking their
Receipt and a Duplicate of the Amount as
Vouchers to clear your Imprest of the same. Given
under my Hand at St Johns this 10 July 1778

By Comm.d of the Commodore

By the Hon.ble Sir Byron
Commod.e &c.

You are hereby required & directed to take
upon you the Charge and Command of
this Antelope as Lieutenant on board His Majesty's
Ship Antelope now at anchor in command to the
third Lieut.; strictly charging all the Officers
and Ships Company subordinate to you
to behave themselves jointly and severally
in their respective Employments with all
due respect and Obedience unto you their
said Acting Lieut.; and you are to observe &
execute as well the General Printed Instructions
as what Orders and Directions you shall
receive from your Captain or other your
superior Officer for His Majesty's
Service. Given under my Hand on
board the said Ship at St. Johns, this
6th day of July 1770.

To
Mr. Dalrymple
Midn.n on board His Majesty's
Ship Antelope hereby
appointed Act.g Lieu.t
of her till further Order.

By Command of the Commodore
J. Ord

By the Hon.ble Gn.o Dyron,
Commander &c.a

Whereas you have represented unto me by Letter of this days date that the Necessarys for the Sick and Hurt Seamen and Marines of His Maj.y Ship under your command are Expended and the Time for w.ch they were to serve Elapsed, and desired a further Supply. You are hereby required and directed to cause the Surgeon to purchase four Months Necessaries for her Complement, for w.ch you are to draw Bills of Exchange on the Commiss.rs of the Navy and take his receipt and a Duplicate of the Act.t to clear your Impress of the same. Given under my Hand on B.d the Antelope at St. Johns, this 19.th day of June 1770.

Capt.n Gayton
Command.r of His
Maj.ty Ship the
Antelope.

By Command &c.a
W.S.

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Comm.dr &c.a &c.a

Whereas a Block.k.e is established on the the Coast of Labrador, with a Guard of two and twenty Men, and Victualled by the Purser of His Maj.ty Ships under your Comm.d up to the 31.st of Aug.st next inclusive, for the Protection of His Majesty's Subjects employed in the Fisheries, as well from the Banditti Crews from the Colonies, as the Native Savages inhabiting that Country, and their Craft and other Effects from being Burnt and Destroyed during the Winter Season. And Whereas I have thought fit that the said Block.k.e shall be relieved by an equal number to be Sent from the Ships of my Squadron; You are hereby required and directed to send from the Ship you command on b.d the Alborough, whose command.r I have directed to proceed upon this Service, the eleven Men named in the Margin, who are to be left in the said Fort, in lieu of alike number as aforesaid taking care that the Purser do furnish them with Provisions and

A.d God Mi.ll
Tho.s Mi.ll.s Dr
J.o Jones 1.st M.te
P.r Wood
Jn.o Gill do
Ja.s Bellfrage do
P.r Meachborn
J.o Lee 2.d M.te
Ben.n Fowler Pte
Jn.o Sawell do
Wm Collins

Necessaries

Necessaries, to serve them for twelve — —
Kalender Months after they shall be
so Expd. Given &c. this 8th. of July 1770
Jas. Gayton
Commandr. of His Maj.
Ship Antelope.

By Command &c.
Wm.

At
24 July 1770. Appointed Mr. Wm. Young Lieutenant
of the Nautilus
At 26 Do — Appointed Mr. Richd. Lock, Lieutenant
& Purser of the Egmont Snow. Lieut. Greene Resigned.
27 Do. Appointed Mr. Edr. Eastman 2d. Mate
& Pilot.

By the Hon.ble Jno. Byron
Commander. &c.

Whereas the Station assigned for His Majs.
Ship under your comm.d is from the Harbours of
St. Laurence to Cape Ray you are when you are
upon that Service, to obey the following Instructions
for your Guidance Viz.t

1st. Whereas I am informed that many of the
French Inhabitants of the Islands of St. Pierre
and Miquelon, immediately after the late Peace,
did begin a practice of resorting to, and wintering
in several Bays on the Coast of Newfoundland
within your Station, where they Built Vessels
Boats and other Craft unsuited and Robbed
His Majs. Subjects. And that in the Fall &
early in the Spring, they Cut down and carried
away great quantities of Timber for all uses, and
Burnt the standing Trees; that they also resorted

to

to the Harb.rs Bays, Creeks and Islands all
along the Coast within your Station to take Notice
particularly about the Bays of Placentia,
Fortune and Despair, and to the Islands
Lameline, Brunet Penguin, Ramea and
Burgeo where they also Rob the Fishers
of their Birds and other Bait. All which being
directly contrary to the Treaties subsisting
between the two Crowns, an encroachment on
His Maj.ty Dominions & on the Fisheries of
His Subjects. You are to use your utmost
Diligence to prevent a renewal of those Encroachm.ts
(as hath been just hereto) by seizing all
French Ships, Vessels or Boats as may at any
time be found employed in those practices.

2.d And Whereas the Subjects of France from
the said Islands St.t Pierre and Miquelon,
besides the above-mn.d Encroachments have been
accustomed to resort with Boats, along the
Coast of Newfoundland, to Traffick with
the Inhabitants to the great prejudice of the
Trade Manufactures and Navigation of the
Kingdome; You are to be very Diligent in
looking after such Illicit Traders, and to seize
all French Vessels or Boats that you may
meet with Traffick or Fishing any where
along the Coast within the said Islands of
St.t and Miquelon, that is to say, such as are
Fishing inwards from the said Islands towd.s
the Coast of Newfoundl.d But notwithstand.g
what is directed in this and the preceding Article
respect.g French Encroachers & Illicit Traders,
you are most strictly charged not to give the
least molestation or hinderance, to any French
Fishers that you may meet without the said
Islands, (that is to say) outw.ds from the said Islds
towd.s the Ocean, from proceeding to take Shelter in

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Miquelon Islands. And you are to allow them a free passage in and out of their Ports, lying on that side of their Islands, w.ch face towards the Coast of Newfoundland according to the true meaning of the sixth Article of the Treaty of Paris in 1763. A Copy of w.ch you will herewith receive.

(3.) And Whereas I am informed that the Inhabitants of the said Islands of St. Pierre & Miquelon have had supplies of Timber in former Years from Newfoundland by English Boats and Vessels, w.ch is very contrary to Law to Destroy or Cut down any Wood in Newfoundland except for the use of the Fishery as was provided in the Act of the 10.th and 11.th of William 3.d and as no Person has any Property therein nor a right to export any, you are to Seize all Vessels or Boats w.ch you may meet that are laden or partly laden with Wood, taken on board in Newfoundland and proceeding therewith towards the said Islands; and with respect to such as may pretend to be carrying Wood from one Port to another in Newfoundland, for the use of the Fishery you are not to permit them to pass under such pretences, if the said Islands lie in the way towards the places they may pretend to be bound to.

(4.) And Whereas I have rec.d certain Intelligence that many French Ships and Vessels put into Little Bay and other Harb.rs between Cape Ray and La Poile within your Station, under pretences of being Forced in by the great Quantities of Ice, w.ch obstruct their Passage round that Cape, in their way to the Gulph and the Harb.rs to the North.w.d of Point Riche; but with a design of Trading with the Indians, & carrying on a Fishery there. You are very early in the Spring, and at such other times as you shall find it convenient to call at Little Bay, and the other Harb.rs aforesaid, to see whether any such French Vessels are there. And in case you shall find any either

either Trading or Fishing you are to seize & send them (bound) to St Johns to be proceeded against in the Vice Admty Court, agreable to the Treaty of St Germains en Laye of Mar. the 29th 1632 and the 5th and 15th Articles of the American Treaty concluded at London Nov.r 16. 1686, Copies of wch are herewith delivered you: taking care to preserve all the Books of Accounts, Papers, Liscences Commissions and Bills of Lading wch you shall find on such Vessels and that you bring along with you the Capt and Master or two or three of the principal Officers to be examined agreable to the Tenor of the said Treaties.

5th) All His Maj.y Subjects are by Law strictly forbid from having any Communication or Trade with the said Islands of St Pierre and Miquelon by an Act passed in the 4th year of the Reign of His present Maj.y Cap. 15. intituled "An Act for "granting certain Duties in the British "Colonies and Plantations in America &c.a" wch enacts that in order to prevent any Illicit Trade or Commerce between His Maj.y Subjects in America, and the Subjects of the Crown of France in the Islands of St Pierre & Miquelon and if any British Ship or Vessel shall be found stand.g into or com.g out from either of those Islands, or lovering or at Anchor within two Leagues of the Coast thereof, or shall be discovered to have taken any Goods or Merchandizes on board at either of them, or to have been there for that purpose, such Ship or Vessel and all the Goods so taken in her, shall be forfeited and Lost: You

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are hereby required and directed to seize all such Ships and Vessels as you shall meet with ——— offend^g against the said Act, and send them to St. Johns, to be proceeded against according to Law.

6th All French Vessels or Boats you may have cause to seize in Pursuance of what is directed in any of the foregoing Articles, for Encroaching for fishing with their Limits, or for Illicit Trade, you are to carry them to some place of safety, where they are to remain 'til report is made to me of the circumstances and cause of Seizure. In the meantime you are to be very careful there is no Loss, waste or Embezzlement of any of their Cargoes or Materials, and all French Subjects found in any such French Vessels or Boats, you are as soon as possible to set on shore, either on St. Pierre or Miquelon; keeping for my examination the Masters of Boats only, ~~with the Boats & Vessels they have taken for Illicit Trade, or Fishing with~~ ~~if seized for Illicit Trade~~ ~~same~~. But with respect to such as you shall take for landing to Cut Wood &c^a you are to send them all away keeping an Acc^t of their Names and the circumstances of their being taken to be laid before me. And all English Vessels or Boats that you may have cause of Seizing for Illicit Trade or for communicating with the Islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, you are to send to St. Johns, to be proceeded against accord^g to Law, observ^g that after three of the People have been Examined in the Admty Court touch^g the cause of Seizure, all the people may go where they —

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please and that no French Vessels whatever are to be sold or disposed of 'till the case has been laid before me.

7th. If being a Partie with the English & French Fishermen upon the Shoal Ground to carry on an Illicit Trade by exchanging French Goods and Manufactures, and more particularly Brandy for Dried Fish & Bait. And as this is chiefly carried on during the Capelin Season. You are early in July to repair thither and in case of detecting any such Illicit Traders, you are to proceed with them as is herein directed with regard to other Seizures. And you are carefully to observe that accord.g to Treaty you are never to enter or be any French Ship or Vessel that you may have cause to suspect with more than two or three Persons at a time at most.

8th. I recommend it to you in all your proceed.gs in the execution of the foregoing Articles, to be very careful to prevent any cruel unjust or ill treatment to any of His Maj.y Subjects, or to the Subjects of His Most Christian Maj.y and likewise to prevent any Embezzlem.t Damage or loss by your People of any Goods or Effects in any Vessels or Boats that you may have occasion to search, seize or detain.

9th. In case you shall at any time receive any Letters or Messages from the Gov.r of St. Pierre or from any other Officer or Subject of His Most Christian Majesty You are to make no other answer thereto, but that you will lay it before me as soon as possible, and that they may

may depend on my immediate Answer, and that in the mean time none of His Most Christian Maj.ty Subjects will be molested or hurt, who are not found encroaching or otherwise offending. But you are not to enter into any Correspondence or reply to any particular point respecting the Kings Service, upon which they may require your Answer.

10. You are to procure the exactest State you can of the French Inhabitants and Fishery at St. Pierre and Miquelon, and of every thing relative to their proceedings at those Islands; particularly whether they have landed or Mounted any Cannon, raised any Forts, Batteries or Works, other than Buildings for the use of their Fishers; or if they have any Naval Establishment or Magazines of Naval Stores; whether the Guard of Soldiers for the Police exceeds Fifty Men, all which together with any interesting Accounts of their Proceedings or designs, you are to transmit home, as often as opportunity offers.

11. The Shallop at Grand Jawis you are to take care of, and to employ as you may see convenient, in the Harbours and Bays along the Coast within your Station, and you are not to employ her upon any account about St. Pierre or Miquelon, but when you are immediately in the Neighbourhood yourself that is at Grand Jawis or St. Laurence. Charging the Officer commanding her never to Land on those Islands but when you shall see occasion to send him Either on purpose; which you are hereby directed not to do, but on very Important occasions, and when the Service may require it.

(12.) If you should hear of any of the Micmack or Cape Breton Indians, being on the Coast within your Station, You are to endeavour to drive them away, and to order them to return to their own Country, agreably to the Orders given them in the Years 1765. The Gov.r of Halifax Lav.d complained of their landing here to you at Newfoundland, and of their having had a Correspondence with the Inhabitants of St. Pierre and Miquelon.

(13.) It has been represented by several Adventurers to the Fisheries in and about Fortune Bay, that it will be of great prejudice to them, if they are not permitted to send their Boats to Fish on all the Banks within the Islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, as their Voyages principally depend thereon; and apprehending that they are excluded therefrom, because those Banks lie within two Leagues of those Islands, and praying that they may be permitted to Fish there as usual. In answer to which application they have been informed, that in order to preserve that Coast Fishery entire to our people, Notice has been given to the French, that they will not be suffered to Rob the British Subjects of any part of the Fishery on that Coast, and that they are not to send their Boats to Fish any where between the said Islands and the Coast of Newfoundland. — Therefore Conformably to this Rule you are to permit our people to Fish upon those Banks, and use your best endeavours to prevent any of them from having any dealings of any kind

hand with the French inform them that if they have, it will occasion restraints to be laid on them all.

Lastly It is my direction that the Officer or Officers who shall succeed you in the Command of the Grant shew to carry into execution the foregoing Instructions except it shall be otherwise ordered by me

Given &c. at St. Johns, this 25th. of July 1770.

Lieut. Colo. Command. of His Majts. new the Grant.

By Command &c.

A List of Papers delivered Lieut. Clerk part of wch are referred to in the foregoing Instructions

No.

1 Act of the 10th & 11th. of William the 3d.
2 The 5, 6th & 7th Articles of the Treaty St. Germain en Laye.
3 The 5th 6th & 8th Articles of the American Treaty
4 Orders concern. Ships Registers.
5 An old Register to serve as a Guide
6 Orders to seize Ships laden contrary to Law.
7 Order to put yourself under my Command.
8 Order to Mutual French Subjects.
9 Salmon Fishery Regulations.
10 Proclamation to put a stop to the Barbarous Murders committed on the Savages.
11 Order to Repair the Shallop out of the Stores.
12 Governors Deputation.

By the Hon.ble Geo.e Byron
Commander &c.a

Whereas Lieu.t Greene Commander & Purser of His Majesty's Sloop the Egmont, has requested me by Letter of this days date to be superseded: Therefore By virtue of the Power and Authority to me given, I do hereby appoint you Lieu.t & Purser of the said Sloop the Egmont, strictly Charging and commanding all the Officers and Ship's Company Subordinate to you to behave themselves jointly and severally in their respective Employments with all due respect and Obedience unto you their said Lieu.t and Commander & you are to observe and execute as well the General Printed Instructions as what Orders & Directions you shall receive from me or other your Superior Officer for His Maj.ty Service, hereof fail not you nor any of you may fail, as you will answer the contrary at your Peril. And for so doing this shall be your Warrant. Given &c.a This 26.th of July 1770.

Mr. Rich.d Lock
1.st Lieutenant of His Maj.ty Ship Antelope
Hereby appointed to Command His
Maj.ty Sloop the Egmont

By Command &c.a
W. Hy

By the Hon.ble Geo.e Byron
Commander &c.a

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with His Majesty's Sloop under your command to Port a Basque, in quest of His Majesty's Ship the Pearl, and if upon your arrival there you shall gain any certain Intelligence where she is to be found, you are to make the best of your way to join her

ther, and Deliver to the Honble Capt. Gower her Commander, the Packet you will receive herewith. But in case she shall not be at that Port, and you can gain no such Intelligence, you are to leave the Packet with some careful and trusty Person, to be delivered to him upon his arrival there. When you shall have performed this Service, you are to proceed with the first of time to Halifax, where it is intended the Snow under your Command shall undergo a Repair, delivering to the Commander in Chief of the Kings Ships at that place, the Letter wh. accompanies this, and whose Orders you will follow for your Proceedings therein. You are to use the utmost Dispatch in your Power, in refitting her after she shall be so Repaired; and to give all necessary Attendance and Assistance by yourself & your People while she is under Repair, taking care to be upon your Station very Early in the Spring and to follow all such Orders and Directions as are pointed out to you by the Instructions now delivered you. After the first of May next you are to send or call at Great St. Lawrence once a fortnight, for any Orders that may be left there for you, and to Winter at Grand Jarvis, securing the Shallop and her Materials during that Season. And it is my direction that in case you should be superseded the Officer or Officers who succeed you, do Obey and follow these my Orders to you. And that if

if in the execution of that part of these Orders relative to your finding Capt.n Gower, you should meet with the Earl of Bellamont, you are to follow such Orders as their Commander shall think fit for His Majs. Service, and as they will take care not to give you, but in cases of the greatest Exigency only. —

Given &c. This 25th of July 1770

To
Lieu.t Lock
Commd.r of His Majs.
Sloop the Cygnet.

By Command &c.
J. Clerke

By the Hon.ble Jno. Byron
Command.r &c. —

Rob.t Marshall
Wm. Ward
Wm. Dunbar
Jno. Wood
Tho.s Bragnell
Wm. Middleton
P. Licence
Jno. Hay
Jno. Anderson
Thos. Appleby
Jno. Hanson
Jno. Pitchard
Dan.l Dunnoyer
Wm. Cuame
Tho.s Hounsell
Tho.s Eastman
Jno. Bishop
Wm. Hammond
R.d Rook
Thos. Porter

You are hereby required and directed to discharge into His Majs. Ship the Antelope from the Sloop under your command the twenty Persons Named in the Margin, making out Pay Lists for their Wages agreeable to Act of Parliament. —

Given &c. at St. Johns, this 25th July 1770

To Lieu.t Graeme
Command.r of His Majs.
Sloop
Cygnet

By Comm.d &c.
J. Clerke

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Comm.r &c.

You are Leuby required and Directed to
Discharge from his Maj.s Ship under your
command into the Egmont now the Twenty
inferior Officers and Seamen named in the
Margin, sending with them a List of their
Names and the Quality they serve in &
are rated for on board her. Given &c.at St.
Johns this 25.th of July 1770.

In the Margin
Mr. Wm. Patton
Lam.l Berry
Hen.y Prebwood
Chas.r Whitbread
Jn.o Jones
Tho.s Mantle
Ja.s Cunningham
Jn.o Dixon
Wm. Ogleston
And.w Kelly
Ant.o Vincenzo
Sam.l Bignal
Jn.o Corry
R.d Cason
Jn.o Cutts
Corn.s Driscol
Jn.o Yates
Wm. Mann
And.w Roberts
Tho.s Oxlade

Capt. Gayton
Comm.r of the Maj.s Ship
Antelope

By Comm.d &c.
H.S.

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By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Commander &c.a

Whereas I have appointed Mr. Rich.d
Pack to the Command of His Maj.s Snow the
Cygnet in the room of the former superseded
You are hereby required and directed to repair
forthwith on board the said Snow, and there take
a strict and carefull Survey on the remains of
Boatswains, Stores, and Deliver the same
into the Charge and Custody of her said
Commander; Reporting to me from under
your Hand an Acc.t of your Proceedings.

Given &c.a this 26.th of July 1770.

To
The Master of His Maj.s
Ship Antelope & Cygnet Snow
and the Boatswain of the
Antelope

By Command &c.a
J.B.S.

Orders were given to the Gunner and
Carpenter the same Day.

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Commander &c.a

Mr. Patt.k &c.a You are hereby required and directed to receive
on board His Maj.s Snow under your command
from the Antelope the twenty inferior Officers
and Seamen named in the Margin and bear
them as part of her Compliment taking care
that none of them be obliged to serve or be
Rated in a worse Quality or lower degree
than they Serve in or are Rated for on b.d
the Ship from w.h they are so turned over
agreable to Act of Parliam.t Given &c.a this
25.th of July 1770.

To
Lieu.t Greene
Commd.r of His Maj.s Snow
Cygnet

By Command &c.a
J.B.S.

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Commander &.a

You are hereby required and directed to Discharge from His Maj.s Ship under your Command as Unserviceable the Seaman named in the margin, mak.g out a Ticket for his Wages, w.h you are to transmit to the Navy Board, and giving him a Certificate containing an exact Copy thereof agreeably to Act of Parliament. Given &.a this 25.th of July 1770

To Capt.n Gaylor
Commander of His
Maj.s Ship the Antelope

By Command of the Commodore
H. O.l

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Commander &.a

Whereas I have appointed Mr. Rich.d Lock to be Lieu.t and Commander and Pursor of His Maj.s Snow the Egmont, in the room of the former who is Superseded at his own Request. You are hereby required and directed to repair forthwith on.d her and there take a strict and careful Survey on the rem.s of Provisions, Cask, Iron-Hoops, Bisket Bags, Oyl Jars, Slop-Cloaths & Necessarys, &.c.a which you are to Deliver into the charge and custody of the said Lieu.t Lock Reporting how you found under your Hands an Acc.t of your Proceedings. Given &.c.a this 27.th of July 1770

To the Mast.r of His Maj.s Ship the Antelope and Commander of the Snow and the Purser of the Antelope &.c.a
By Command &.c.a
H. O.l

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Commander &c.

You are hereby required and directed to cause the Purser of His Maj.y Ship under your command to supply the Commander and Purser of His Maj.y Snow the Egmont with the Provisions undermentioned Viz.t

Pork — One hundred & twenty nine Pieces
Suet — Fifty pounds.

Taking his Receipt for the same. Given &c.
(So) this 25.th of July 1770.

Capt. Gayton
Commander of His
Maj.y Ship Antelope

By Command &c.
H.C.S.

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Commander &c.

Rob.t Marshall
Mos.s Ward
Wm Duncan
Jn.o Wheeler
Thos Brazzell
Wm Middleton
R.d Licence
Jo.s May
Wm Windsor
Th.s Appleby
Jn.o Pearson
Jn.o Pritchard
Dan.l Donovan
Wm Evans
Th.s Hannah
Th.s Eastman
Jn.o Bishop
Wm Hammond
Rich.d Rook
Th.s Porter

You are hereby required and directed to receive on board His Maj.y Ship under your command from the Egmont Snow, & bear as part of her Complement the Twenty inferior Officers and Seamen named in the Margin, taking care that more of them be Rated in a worse quality or lower degree or be Rated in a worse Station, than they Serve in, or are Rated for on board the said Snow, at the time they are so turned over; agreeably to Act of Parliament of the 31.st of Geo.s the 2.d Cap.s 10. Given &c.
this 25.th of July 1770.

To Capt.n Gayton
Commander of His Maj.y Ship
the Antelope

By Command &c.
H.C.S.

By the Hon.ble Jno. Byron
Commander &c.ª

As soon as the Fishing Season is over and you shall have Compleated your Schemes of the Fishery You are to take under your Convoy such Fishing Ships and Vessels as shall be ready and willing to accompany you in your way to Cadiz. Upon your arrival there you are immediately to inform the Govr or Commanding Officer of the Kings Ships at Gibraltar, and of the Day you intend to Sail for England. You are not to remain at that Port more than nine and twenty Days, and then taking under your Convoy such of the Trade as shall be ready and desirous of accompanying you in your way to England you are to repair to Plymouth and acquaint the Secretary of the Admiralty of your Arrival.

Given &c.ª this 26th. of July 1770.

To
The Hon.ble Capt. Gower
Commander of His
Majs. Ship Ister
Bark.

By Command of the Commodore.
H. S.

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Commander &c.a

You are hereby required and directed
to Discharge from His Maj.y Ship
under your Command as unserviceable
the Seaman mained in the Margin
Wm Blackett. making out a Ticket for his Wages
& you are to send to the Navy
Board, and giving him a Certificate
containing a true Copy thereof and
a Description of his Person agreable
to Act of Parliament. Given under
my Hand, this 31.st of July 1770

Capt.n Gayton
Commander of His Maj.y
Ship Antelope.

By Command of the Commodore.

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Commander &c.a

Captain Gayton of His Maj.y Ship the
Antelope having represented unto me by
Letter of this days date that there is on
board her a quantity of Bread, Butter,
Cheese and Peas, rotten, mouldy, stinking
and not fit for Men to eat, and desired
a Survey

Survey thereon; You are hereby required
and directed to take the Survey directed, &
such part of the said Provisions as you
shall find after due Inspection made to
be unfit for use to be kept by the
Master Butler in the Charge of the Purser to be delivered to the
Boatswain and thrown
overboard into the Sea. Reporting to me
from under your hands an Acct of your
proceedings. Given under my Hand
at Plymouth this 13th of August 1770.

To
The Master Boatswain and
Gunner of His Majs Ships
the Antelope.

By Command of the Commodore.

By the Honble Mr Byron
Commander &c

You are hereby required and directed to
proceed with His Majs Ship under your
Command to your Station on the South and
West Coasts of Newfoundland

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Commander &c.a —

Whereas you have represented unto by Letter of this days date that the Necessaries for the Sick and Hurt Seamen and Marines of His Majs. Sloop under your command are Expended and the same for wch they were to serve nearly Elapsed, and desired a further supply; You are hereby required and directed to cause the Surgeon to purchase sufficient Necessaries for her Compliment, for wch you are to draw Bills of Exchange on the Commissrs of the Navy, and take his receipt and a Duplicate of the amt to clear your Accots of the same. Given under my Hand on board the Antelope at St. Johns, this 19th of September 1770.

(To)
Capt.n Chapman,
Commander of His Majs
Sloop the Nautilus,

By Command of the Commodore

By the Honble. Jo^s. Byron
Commander &c.

Whereas you have represented unto me by
Lre. of this days date, that the six Men named
in the Margin, who are now at the Hospital,
from the nature of their present Complaints, Old
Age and other Infirmities, are and will remain
unfit for His Maj^s. Service. You are hereby
required and directed to Discharge them
Unserviceable, into His Maj^s. Ship the
Antelope, giving each of them a Certificate of
Discharge with his Sick Ticket annexed
thereto, agreably to Act of Parliament. Given
under my Hand, at S^t. Johns, this 25th. of Sept.
1770.

W^m. Peter Blair, Agent &
Surgeon of His Maj^s. Hospital
at S^t. Johns.

By Command of the Commodore.

By the Hon.ble John Byron
Commander &c.a

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with the Kings Sloop under your Command to St Maries, and after settling the necessary Business there by virtue of your Commission as my Surrogate, you are to make the best of your way to Chesapeake, Pensylvania and the Bay of Boston and after expediting the Business at those places in like manner as you are above directed with respect to St Maries, you are to proceed without loss of time to Plymouth, forwarding the Letter you will receive herewith addressed to the Secretary of the Admiralty, and acquaint him of your Arrival. Given &c.a at St Johns this 19.th day of September 1770.

To
Capt.n Chapman
Commander of His Majs
Sloop the Nautilus

By Command of the Commodore

By the Hon.ble Jno. Byron,
Commander &c.

You are hereby required & directed to proceed with His Majt. Brig under your command to Deptford forwarding the Letters you will receive herewith addressed to the Secretary of the Admiralty and acquaint him of your Arrival Given &c. this 13th. of Octr. 1770.

G.d

Mr. Lane
Master of His Majt. Brig
the Grenville.

By Command of the Commodore.

By the Hon.ble Jno. Byron,
Commander &c.

Whereas you have represented unto Some by Letter of the 9th instant, that the Necessaries for the Sick and Hurt Seamen and Marines of His Majt. Ship under your command are Expended and the time for which they were to serve Elapsed and desired a further Supply; You are hereby required and directed to cause the Surgeon to Purchase eight Months Necessaries for her Compliment

Compliment for which you are to draw Bills on the Commissioners of the Navy and take his Receipt and a Duplicate of the Acct to clear your Imprest of the same. Given &c this 22d

Oct. 1770.

Capt Gayton
Commander of His Majs Ship
the Antelope

By Command of the Commodore.

By the Honble Jno Byron
Commander &c

Whereas Capt Bennett of His Majs Ship the Aolus has represented unto me by Letter of this days date, that the Small Bower Cable on board is much worn, & desired the same may be Surveyed; You are hereby required and directed to repair forthwith on board and there take a strict and carefull Survey thereof, and if you shall find it as represented, you are to leave it in the charge of the Boatswain to be converted into Junk; Reporting to me from under your hand what you shall do in pursuance of your Proceedings. Given &c this 26th Oct. 1770

To
The Masters of His Majs
Ships Antelope & Aolus, &
the Boatswain of the Antelope.

By Command &c

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Commander &c.a

You are hereby required and directed to take
under your Convoy such Fishing Ships &
Vessels as shall be ready, and desirous to accompany
you and proceed with His Maj.ty Ships under your
command to Lisbon, where you are to remain
not exceeding one and twenty days, and then
taking under your Convoy such of the Trade
as shall be ready and willing to accompany you
you are to proceed to Portsm.o and acquaint
the Secretary of the Admiralty and myself
of your Arrival. Given under my Hand
aboard His Maj.ty Ship Antelope at St
Johns the 26.th of Oct.r 1770.

To
Capt.n Bennet
Commander of His Maj.ty Ship
Etc.
Colvill

By Command of the Commodore.
H.S.

(&) To the Honble Jno Byron
Commander &c

Whereas you have received Orders
from me by Letters of this days date that the
Wall Boards on the North Gavel end of the
Naval Hospital, part of the Roof of the
same Gavel and the Beading under the
whole of that end are in very bad Condition
as is also the Chimney on the same Gavel
all wanting new topping, Beading new
Pointing & Bricks to be put in, in many
other places, that the Ceiling in the Lower
Rooms and Wards is destroyed by the
Rats and in many places quite rotten &
gone, that the Oven in the Kitchen wants
Plastering the fire finding its way thro' it,
that the Drain is in many places Choaked
up and fallen in, that there is glass wanting
in some of the Windows and new Locks for
some of the Doors and that as the safety
& wholesome Air & Health as may be in the Ho
as well as the preservation of the Building
require that the same may be Repaired
You are hereby required & directed to cause the
said Repairs to be given, using therein
the strictest Oeconomy, and to draw Bills

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on the Commissioners of the Victualling and Navy for the amount. Given &c at St Johns this 1st of July 1770.

To
Mr Peter Blair
Agent & Surgeon of His
Majs Hospl at
St Johns

By Command of the Commodore
H.O.S

By the Hon.ble Jno Byron
Commander &c

Lieut. Cartwright who Commanded a Shallop fitted out by His Majs Ship the Antelope has informed me that he was in want of a Supply of Provisions to the Northward for his Men & that he was under the necessity of Purchasing such as he wanted at Fogo, leaving the same unpaid for; You are hereby required and directed to cause the Purser of His Majs Ship under your command to draw Bills on the Commrs of the Victualling for the amount he taking care to charge himself therewith in his Account with the said Commrs. Given &c at St Johns this 28 Oct 1770

To
Capt Gaylord
&c
By Command &c
H.S.

By the Hon.ble Jno. Byron
Commander &c.

Whereas it appears some that Lieut.
Cartwright who was castaway in one of His
Maj.s Shallops, fitted out by the Antelope was
under the necessity of hiring a Basket Vessel
to bring him and the Crew from Fogo to Trinity
and from thence to St. Johns; and that by ——
Articles of Agreement he was obliged to Victual
the Mas.r and Crew of the said Vessel, whose
Names are in the Margin, 'till she should be
discharged by me at St. Johns, and after
the Men are furnished there with eight days
Provisions for their return. You are hereby
required and directed to bear them on a Supern.r
List for Victuals only in compliance with the
said Agreement. Given &c.a this 31.st of Oct.r
1770

To
Capt. Gayton
&
By Command of the Commodore
H. S.

D.d Lan.
D.o Farrel
I. Mahony
D.o Fitzgerald
I. Stephens

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Commander &c.a

Whereas the two Men Named in the
Margin are left in the Charge of the Things
belonging to the Hospital at St. Johns agreeable to Custom.
You are hereby required & directed to bear them
them on a Supernumerary List for Wages and
Victuals from the date hereof, taking care that
the Purser does furnish them with Provisions
and Necessaries during your Absence from that
Port and that you give him a Certificate thereof
that he may be allowed the same at the passing
his Accounts. Given &c.a this 1.st of Nov.r 1769

To
Capt.n Gayton
&c.a

By Command of the Commodore
H. S.

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Commander &c.a

Whereas Capt.n Gayton Commander of his Maj.ty
Ship the Antelope has informed me that there
are a number of young Gentlemen and other
Youth on board her, who are desirous of being
Instructed in the Theory of Navigation, and
that no Schoolmaster has been Warranted for her
And Whereas I have inquired and am fully
satisfied

satisfied myself that you are well skilled
in the Theory & Practice of that Art
& profess to teach Youth thereby & be-
ing desirous of undertaking
the same I do therefore hereby Appoint you
Schoolmaster of His Majesty's Sloop
for which addition to your Allowance as
Master you will be paid twenty pounds a
Year by Bill made out by the Commissioners
of His Majesty's Navy upon producing a Certificate
from time to time signed by the Captain,
Lieutenant & Officers of the Ship
that you have duly complied with the Terms
of this Warrant & the Instructions upon that head
Given &c at Sea this 10th of June 1769.

To Mr Thos Graves
Master of His Majesty's
Sloop Cruizer hereby appointed
Schoolmaster of her also the
further Order

By Command &c.

By the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland &c.

Whereas we intend that Their Majesties Ships & Vessels named in the List hereunto annexed, shall be employed this Year under your command, in protecting the Fisheries of Their Majesties Subjects at and about the Island of Newfoundland, and have directed their Commanders to follow your Orders for their further proceedings; You are hereby required and directed to take the said Ships & Vessels under your Command accordingly, and employ them in such manner as you shall judge most proper for the protection of the before mentioned Fisheries, agreable to the Instructions you have already received, & such others as you may receive from Us for that purpose. Given under our Hands the 10th April 1771.

Sandwich
J. Buller
A. Hervey

To the Hon.ble Sir. Byron
Commander in Chief of
Their Majesties Ships and Vessels
employed and to be employed
at and about the Island of
Newfoundland &c.

By Command of their Lordships,
Ph. Stephens

Rate	Ships	Commanders	at present
4	Panther	Geo: Gayton	At the Nore
5	Eolus	Wm Bennett	Portsmouth
	Pearl	Hon: J. Glynn	Plymouth
6	Alborough	Ja: Hawker	Do
Sloop	Nautilus	Ja: Howell Jones	Do
	Otter	Jo: Morris	Portsmo
Schooner	Grenville	Mr Mich: Lane	Deptford

By the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland &c.

Whereas You were directed by our Order of the 10 instant, to take under Your command the Kings Ships & Vessels intended to be employed this Year for the protection of the Fisheries at and about Newfoundland and of the ——— Fishing Ships belonging to Her Majesties Subjects resorting thereto, You are hereby required & directed to put to Sea the very first opportunity of Wind & Weather and make the best of Your way to the said Island; and use Your best endeavours to protect the said Fisheries & Fishing Ships conformable to the Instructions You received from us last & the Year preceding — And

The King having been pleased to direct a Battery or Tower to be erected at the Entrance of the Harbour of St. Johns Newfoundland, You are (pursuant to His Majesties Pleasure signified to Us by the Earl of Hillsborough one of His Majesties Secretaries of State, in his Letter of the 10. instant,) to furnish such a number of Seamen & Marines under Your command, as can be spared with prejudice to His ——

Majestys

Majesties Service in the next Port to be employed as Workmen & Labourers to assist in carrying on the said Works, upon the same being requested in Writing by the Engineer appointed to direct the Works, for which they are to be paid the usual Allowance for the time they are to be employed. Given under Our Hands the 23d. April 1771.

Sandwich
Edgcumbe
Spencer
A Hervey

To the Honble. Jno. Byron Commander in Chief of His Maj. Ships & Vessels employed & to be employed at and about the Island of Newfoundland &c.

By Command of their Lordships
Wm. Stephens

By the Commrs. for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland &c.

Whereas you acquainted us, by your Letter of the 13th. of Octr. last, that the Egmont Snow which had been employed in cruising off the Islands of St. Peters & Miquelon was found to be in so leaky and crazy a condition as to be rendered unfit to keep the Sea; that having sent her to Halifax to be repaired, she was found on a Survey to be so bad as not to be worth the Expence of a Repair; that Commodore Hood had therefore hired a Marblehead Schooner (which he had given the same Name) at £15 per Month, unless it should be thought fit to purchase her for Government, in which case the Price would be three hundred Guineas; and Whereas it appears by Commodore Hood's Letter (a Copy of which accompanied your aforesaid Letter) that the said Schooner is a very good Vessel and well worth the Price above mentioned; You are hereby required and directed to

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purchase them for the use of His Majesty upon the best terms you can, not exceeding that price, & to draw upon the Navy Board for the Expence; calling her the Egmont, and employing her in the same manner as the Egmont Snow was employed, or in such other way as the Service entrusted to your care shall from time to time render necessary.

And Whereas we intend that Lieutenant William Parker (by whom you will receive this) shall command the said Schooner and have given him an Order for that purpose, You are to cause him to be received on board the Panther & conveyed in her to Newfoundland & to be victualled as one of her Company during his continuance on board.

You are to cause the said Schooner to be manned, and to be supplied with Provisions & with Naval & Ordnance Stores, in the same manner as the Egmont Snow was; & to direct the Lieutenant who Commands her to take Charge of, & issue, the said Provisions & Stores, agreable to the Rules of the Navy; keeping regular Accounts thereof & passing the same in the usual Method. Given under Our Hands the 1st of May 1771.

J. Buller
Palmerston
A Henry

To
The Hon.ble Sir Byron
Commander in Chief &c.a &c.a
at Newfoundland

By Command of their Lordships
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By the Honble Jno Byron —
Commander &c^a —

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with His Majesties Ship under your Command to your Station on the South & West Coast of Newfoundland from Cape Ballard to Cape Ray, and from thence to the Northward as high as Point Riche including the Magdalen Islands, for Protecting the Fisheries of His Majs Subjects; observing the following Instructions for your Government.

1 If you shou'd hear of any Piratical Vessels, being upon any part of the Coast within the Limits of your Station you are to use every means in your Power to take or destroy them.

2 You are to proceed to York Harbour in the Bay of Isles, there to Compleat your Beer and Water and you are in your way thither to call at — Little Bay, and the Harbour of St. George in St Georges Bay, to see whether any French Vessels are there employed in Fishing or — carrying on a Trade with the Indians or — British Fishermen. In either of the Cases you are to seize & send them home at the Admiralty to be proceeded against in the Vice Admiralty Court agreable to the Treaties of St Germain en Laye of March 29: 1632 and the 5th & 6th Articles of the American Treaty concluded at London Novr 16th 1686 taking care to preserve all the Books of Accts, Papers, Licences, — Commissions & Bills of Lading &c. You shall find in such Vessels; and that you bring along with you the Captain and Master, or two or three of the principal Officers to be examined agreable to the Tenor of the said Treaties, the particulars of &c. For your better Information may be found in the Book of the Admiralty from Marine Treaties. —

3 Whereas the French from St Pierre & — Miquelon Fishing in the Gulph do carry on

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as plainly existing Trade with our Canadian & New England Fishers, and about the Magdalen Islands for dried Fish, Furs & other Commodities, for which they are paid in French Goods & Manufactures; You are to seize and send home, all French Vessels that you may meet with within your Station, having on board any Fish, Furs or any Goods whatever, other than Wet Fish, Fishing Tackle, Salt & Provisions. — Taking care you do nothing repugnant to the meaning of the Treaties mentioned in the preceding Article. —

4. You are to use your utmost Diligence to prevent the French from Fishing within a less Distance than 3 Leagues of the Coasts and Islands in the Gulph of St. Lawrence agreeable to the Tenor of the Treaty of Paris in 1763, Copies of the 4, 5, & 6. Articles of which as also of the 13. Article of the Treaty of Utrecht in 1713 are sent you — herewith. —

5. All French Vessels or Boats, that you may have Cause to seize for being found in any Port of Newfoundland or the Magdalen Islands, acting contrary to the Spirit and meaning of the Treaties mentioned in the preceding Articles, you are to secure in some convenient Place as you have an opportunity of sending them round to St. Johns. And with respect to such French Subjects, as you may find on board them or on shore in Newfoundland, you are by the very first opportunity, to send either to the Islands of St. Pierre & Miquelon or to the Fishing Ports to the Northd. of Point Riche, that they may procure themselves a Passage to France; observing what is directed in the

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Articles of these Instructions. And you are to take Care that they are no ways ill treated or Robbed of their Goods. But notwithstanding what is herein directed, you are in Case you shall judge it expedient to take down in Writing upon Oath the Declarations of at least two of the Principal Persons you shall find on board any such French Boats, and bring the same with you to St. Johns instead of their Persons, to be delivered to the Judge of the Vice Admiralty Court, & Oath or Oaths you are hereby authorized to administer.

And whereas I am informed that many of the Inhabitants of the Islands of St. Peter & Miquelon immediately after the conclusion of the late War between Great Britain & France, did begin a Practice of resorting to and wintering in several Places on the Coast of Newfoundland within your Station, where they Built Boats & other Craft, insulted & Robbed His Majesties Subjects: And that in the Fall & early in the Spring they cut down and carryd away great Quantities of Timber for all uses & Rendered the Standing Trees; That they also resorted to the Harbours, Bays, Creeks and Islands all along the Coast within the Limits of your Station to take Fish, particularly to the Islands Penguin, Ramea & Burgeo where they also Robbed our Fishers of their Bait. All which being directly contrary to the Treaties Subsisting between the two Crowns, You are to use your utmost Diligence to prevent a Repetition of those Practices by Seizing all French Ships Vessels or Boats which you may at any time find employed in Fishing.

You are to Collect an Acct. of all the Fisheries at the different Ports within your Station according to the Schemes sent you herewith, & to transmit the Returns of the Admirals of the

Harbours

Harbours and Naval Stores will apply
you. And in your Visit of the Magdalen
Islands, you are to be as particular as
possible as to the number of Ships
employed there distinguishing those
from Old England from those employed
from New England & Acadia or Nova
Scotia. When there you are to get the
best Information you can of the number
of Vessels that are employed
Fishing in the Gulph; where they mostly
Fish, what Success they have had, with
any other particulars relative to this
Branch of the Fishery.

8. And as the great extent of Coast assigned
to each Ship of War, renders it necessary
for their Commanders to begin early in the
Season to collect their Lists of the
Fishery, as hitherto has proved matters
of Speculation more than certainty,
You are in future to procure two Schemes
one for the Current and another for the
preceding Year, that the Ministry
may form with more certainty the
true State & Importance of the
Fisheries.

9. In your Hearings & Determinations
with respect to Fishermen, Masters, You
are to give the preference to those Men
Complaints who came into the Country
this Season, and also those who may
want to Return to Europe. And You
are to Discourage the Fishermen from
Wintering in Newfoundland except they
are green Men and Shipped by their
Masters upon those Terms.

10. You are to encourage & support the
Fishing Admirals in their Authority in
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Respective Harbours to hear & determine in the first Instance, all Disputes and Controversies that may arise about Room & Berth in cases of Appeal to you, you are to Decide according to the Act of the 13th Year of William the Third. Always taking Care to discountenance and prevent all litigious and vexatious Complaints & unwarrantable Obstructions to each other. But you are not to meddle with any Disputes relating to Acts of Commerce between Merchants & Traders leaving them to be adjusted by the Courts of Law.

11th You are also hereby Authorized to preserve the Peace & good Order, and to prevent all Acts of Violence Amongst the Fishermen. And you are to Apprehend all Capital Offenders & bring them home with the Witnesses of the Facts, in order to their being tried at the Assizes at St. Johns.

12th You are moreover to visit as many Ports and Places within your Station as you possibly can, taking Care to join me at St. Johns by the Middle of October. Given under my Hand this 22d of April 1771.

To The Hon. Captain Lower
Commander of His Majs
Ship the
Glasgow

By Command of the Commodore
H. S.

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Commander &c.a &c.a

You are hereby required & directed to
proceed with His Majesties Sloop under
your command to St. Johns Harbour
in Newfoundland and after completing
your Beer and Water to repair to your
Station on the Grand Bank, there to
Cruize from the Latitude of 47° to 46°
Degrees North & so along the Coast of
Newfoundland from the Harbour of
St. Johns to Cape Race for protecting the
Fisheries of His Majesties; observing the
following Instructions for your Guidance
therein.

1st If you should hear of any Piratical Vessel
upon your Station you are to use your
utmost endeavours to take & Destroy them.

2d You are agreable to an Act of Parliament
of the 10th & 11th of William the Third commonly
called the Fishing Act, to be aiding & assisting
to His Admirals, Vice Admirals
& Rear Admirals of the respective Harbours
within your Station in preserving the
Peace & good Government among the Seamen
& Fishermen & in Apprehending Offenders.

3d Whereas no foreign Ship or Vessel
whatever except such as is hereafter
mentioned have any right to Fish at or
about Newfoundland, and the Commanders
of the King's Ships having been at all times
past directed not to allow of their Fishing
in those parts. It is His Majesty's Pleasure
that you take especial care to prevent &
hinder the same and that His Order
given herein be strictly complied with. If
you shall meet with any foreign Ships
within your Station, you are to Seize &

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being them to any at St Johns, excepting such Ships as belong to His Most Christian Majty and that shall be Fishing agreable to the Articles of the Treaty of Utrecht in 1713 & the 5th & 6th Articles of the Treaty of Paris in 1763.

4th You are to use your utmost Endeavours to prevent all Clandestine Trade & to keep an exact List of all French Vessels that you may Speak with, according to the Instructions you have with you, getting from them the best information you can of the number of Ships & Men Employed on the Banks, from the several Ports in France. By & with your own Remarks of the Numbers you may view them & such Accounts as I shall get by other means, I may be able to lay before His Majesty an Acct of the State of this Branch of the French Fishery.

5th You are to Collect an Acct of the State of the Fishery at the several Ports within your Station according to the Schemes you will receive herewith, in w[ch] the Admirals of the Harbours the Justices of the Peace & Naval Officers will assist you. Moreover you are to procure not only one for the present, but likewise another Scheme for the preceding Year, because from the great Extent of Coast assigned to each Ship of War, making it necessary to begin very early in the Season to Collect those Accounts, has rendered the general Acct more a matter of Speculation than certainty; And this you are to continue to do from Year to Year by procuring two Schemes one for the Current and another for the preceding Year

6th You are by every means in your Power to Encourage & Keep the British Fishermen to return to Europe. And upon no consideration whatever to Suffer them to be conveyed to the Colonies by the Ships & Vessels employed from thence.

14 You are to continue Cruizing for the —
1 Space of four Weeks, and then to return to
St. Johns for further Orders. Given under
my Hand this 22d of April 1771.

To
Capt. Jones
Commander of the Swift Sloop
Sloop Nautilus
By Command of the Commodore
(L. S.)

A List of Papers referred to in the Instructions
and sent Herewith.

No. 1 Regnals
2 The 13th Article of the Treaty of Utrecht
3 The 5th & 6th Articles of the Treaty of Paris
4 The Fishing Act of the 18th of William the
5 Proclamations to put a Stop to the Barbarous
Murders committed on the Savages. —
6 Orders to Cruize Ships Laden or Trading —
contrary to Law.
7 Order to Protect French Subjects
8 Order to Stop Ships not Qualified to
Trade to America
9 Orders not to Enter any Fishermen &c.
10 Form of an Oath of French Ships —
Spoke with at Sea.
11 Schemes to be filled up in the Sale

By the Hon.ble Jo.s Byron
Esq.r &c.a &c.a
Commander

You are hereby required & directed to proceed with the first opportunity of Wind & Weather with His Majesties Sloop under your command to your Station on the Coast of Labrador from the River St.t Johns to the Entrance of Hudsons Bay, including the Island of Anticosta and the Northern Coast of Newfoundland from Point Rich to Cape Norman, for Protecting the Fishery of His Majesties Subjects; observing the following Instructions for your Guidance therein.

1.st You are to proceed to Fifth Harbour in Chateau Bay on the Coast of Labrador & take under your Care the Ship Hope & Mary then last Year by Captain Williams, 2.d You are to Cruize between Cape Norman & Point Riche & Gulf part of the Fishery at the several Harbours most expedient for taking care to Send her along Shore with an Officer from Cape Norman to Point Riche to Collect Duties agreeable to the Schemes sent you herewith.

3.d You are to Encourage & Support the Fishing Admirals in their Authority that they hear and determine in the first instance all Disputes & Controversies that may arise about Roots & Ends in Cases of Appeal to You from their determinations, You are to Decide according to the Rules & Regulations prescribed by the Act of the 10.th & 11.th of Wm. the 3.d which is sent you herewith. Always taking Care to Discountenance & prevent all Litigious & Vexatious Complaints & unwarrantable Obstructions to each other, which is too common among the Adventurers to the great Disadvantage of all the Parties concerned in the Fishery.

3. All other Disputes or Controversies that may arise within your Station &c. are not provided for in the said Act, and &c. may require immediate Determination. You are hereby Authorized to hear & determine in a Summary way according to the Customs & Usages of the Fishery and as shall appear to you to be equitable & just. And to transmit home an Acct. of your Proceedings. But you are not to meddle with any Disputes relative to Acct. Current between the Merchants & Traders but leave them to be adjusted by the proper Courts of Law.

4. You are hereby Authorized to preserve the Peace & good Government & to prevent all Acts of Violence among the Fishermen as well within the respective Harbours as on the Shore and to apprehend all Capital Offenders and bring them to me with the Witnesses in order to their being tried at the Assizes at St. Johns.

5. With respect to Disputes between Fishermen and their Masters You are to observe that no Men are to be discharged in that desolate Savage Country, that all Masters when they come for the Men agreed to serve shall expire are either to carry them Home or provide them with a Passage in another Ship, and that no Men are liable to be compelled to Stay.

6. You are to collect for my Information the greatest Number you can of the Fishery within your Station and report to me all other interesting Information relating thereunto. Moreover you are not only to

Procure

procure one for the present but likewise another for the Ensuing Year, because from the great Extent of Coast appointed to each Ship of War making it necessary to begin very Early in the Season to Collect those Rents has rendered the General Account more a matter of Speculation than certainty And this you are to continue to do by procuring two Schemes one for the Current & another for the former Year.

7th All French Ships, Vessels or Boats that you may find either at Belle Isle or on the Coast of Labrador without their Limits you are to seize with their Effects, sending them in the best manner you may think advisable. The Papers you shall find on board transmit home; and such Subjects of Complaint as you shall take Cognizance of in them you are to detain till you shall meet with an opportunity of sending them to their respective Ships, taking from at least two of them an Attestation upon Oath of the Circumstances of their being taken, which you are to transmit home.

8th You are to use your best Endeavours to prevent all Encroachments made and kept on the Coast of Nfld. by French Ships & Vessels that you may Speak with. By Encroachments you are to understand such Settlements as you shall find the French have made since the Year 1763 which are not mentioned in the Treaty of Paris, or such as have been made before that Time, but have been since enlarged, and extended beyond the Limits mentioned in the Treaty of Utrecht.

9th And Whereas a Block House is established at the Harbour called York Fort, with a Guard of two Midshipmen, a Surgeons Mate and Nineteen Seamen & Mariners you are at all times to afford them such Assistance

Countenance

Countenance & Protection as they may Require, consistantly with the Service You are Employed upon.

10. And as Disputes frequently happen among the Fishermen both English & French in that part of Newfoundland within your Station about the taking of Bait, for the putting a Stop to such Disputes for the future, you are to cause one of the Proclamations herewith sent you to be delivered ~~to be delivered~~ to each of the Admirals of the Ports both English & French and make the same as Public as possible.

11. You are to continue on this Service as long as the Season will permit, taking care to join me at St Johns by the middle of October. Given under my Hand this 22d of April 1771

To
Captain Morris
Commander of His
Majesty's Sloop the
Otter.

By Command of the Commodore
H. S.

A List of Papers referred to in these Instructions and sent herewith.

No. 1 Signals
2 The 13th Article of the Treaty of Utrecht
3 The 5th & 6th Articles of the Treaty of Paris
4 The Fishing Act of the 10 & 11 of William the third.
5 Order to prevent any exclusive Possession of Lands to the Northward of Point Riche.

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6th Order to Seize Salt and other Effects left in Newfoundland by the French.
7 Order not to Entertain any Fishermen &c.
8 Order respecting French Ships of War
9 Order to Victual French Subjects.
10 Order to Seize Ships not Qualified to Trade to Spain and in America.
11 Order to put a Stop to the Irregularities of the Winter Crews left in Newfoundland.
12 Order to Provide the Shallops with Stores and Materials
13 Order to Seize Shipping Laden contrary to Law
14 Order to put a Stop to the Barbarous Murders committed on the Savages.
15 Schemes of the Fishery to be filled up with the Sale
16 Town to be kept in Account of the French Fishing Ships.

Note. Capt Bennett & Capt Hawker, having their former Stations, were directed to follow the Orders and Instructions they received last Year.

By the Hon.ble Jno. Byron
Commander &c.

You are hereby required and directed to
proceed with His Majesties Ship under
your command to St. Johns in the said
Island, and after completing your Beer
and Water to proceed by your Station
extending from Cape Bonavista to the
Northward, as high as Cape Norman,
for protecting the Fisheries of His Majs
Subjects, as well as those of France
who are allowed by Treaty a concurrent
Fishery within the Limits aforesaid.
And Whereas your Shallop was left last
Year at Greenspond you are to call at
that place in your way from St. Johns
and to employ her upon the Coast
within your Station as you shall
judge expedient, taking Care to send
her to Conche to prevent any Disputes
or Acts of Violence between the Subjects
of the two Crowns during the Cod fishing
Season. You are likewise to obey & follow
all such Orders and Instructions as
you have receeived from me that remain
unexecuted, and to join me at St. Johns
when all the French Ships & Vessels
shall have left the Coast. Given &c. the 19th
April 1771

By Command &c.
R. S

To
Lt. Graves, Commander
of the Albemarle.

By the Hon.ble Jno Byron
Commander &c.a

You are hereby required & directed with the first opportunity of Wind & Weather, after His Majt.s Ship under your command shall be fit for Sea, to proceed to your Station from Cape Race to Cape La Hune in the said Island. And you are for your Guidance to observe and follow all such Orders and Instructions as you have received from me or may remain unexecuted. Upon your Arrival on your Station you are to forward or deliver the Letter &c.a accompanying this to Mr Lock Commander of His Majesty's Schooner Alert at Grand Bruit. And you are to join me at St Johns by the time prescribed in your Instructions. Given under my Hand, this 24th of April 1771.

To
Captain Bennett
Commander of His
Majesty's Ship the
Rose
By Command of the Commodore.

By the Hon.ble Jno Byron
Commander &c.a

You are hereby required & directed to proceed with His Majesties Schooner under your command to the Harbour of St Johns in the said Island & there remain 'till further Order. Given &c.a this 24th of April 1771.

To Lieut.t Lock Commander
of His Majesty's Schooner
Alert
By Command &c.a

By the Honble. Jno. Byron
Commander &c.

You are hereby required & directed to proceed with the first opportunity of Wind & Weather with His Majesties Brigantine under your command to the Coast of Labrador, and continue to carry on the Survey from where you left off last Year, as far to the Northd. as you can during the Season, taking Care to join me at St. Johns by the middle of Augt. But if the Westerly Winds should have set in so strong, that you cannot reach that place, you are to make the best of your way to Deptford, and acquaint the Secretary of the Admiralty of your Proceedings. Given under my Hand, this 5th. of May 1771.

To
Mr. Lane
Master of His Majs.
Brigantine, the
Grenville
By Command of the Commodore
&c. &c.

By His Excellency Hble. Jno. Byron
Governor &c. &c.

Proclamation

Whereas it has pleased His Majesty in Council to grant unto the Moravian Brethren and their Society for the furtherance

Furtherance of the Gospel among the Heathen, a Parcel of Land on the Coast of Labrador, for the Establishment of a Mission among the Esquimeaux Savages, and in consequence of the said Grant, a Settlement is formed this Year on the said Coast. Therefore Be it known unto all Men that the said Settlement is under His Majesties immediate Protection, and I hereby strictly enjoin & require all His Majesties Subjects to Live in Amity & Brotherly Love with the said Settlers and the Native Savages Inhabiting that Country in nowise whatsoever molesting or Disturbing the said Mission or those who shall settle with them, and I do require that all His Majesties Subjects who shall come upon the Coast of Labrador do aut how the Esquimeaux Indians agreable to the Proclamation issued by me at St. Johns the 8th of July 1769, respecting the Savages Inhabiting the aforesaid Island & Coast. Given &c. this 7th of May 1771.

By His Excellencys Command.

T. C. S.

By His Excellency the Hon. Joseph
Governor &c.

Whereas I am informed that
the Esquimaux Savages Inhabiting
that part of the Coast of Labrador where
the Unitas Fratrum & the Society have
formed a Settlement for the Furtherance
of the Gospel among the Heathen did
last Year stroll from the said Settlement
to the Southward, with a view of
trading with the Shipping, & Vessels
upon that Coast. And Whereas
many Barbarous Murders have been
committed on both sides, by the English
upon the Savages & the Savages upon
the English, occasioned by Disputes
& Misunderstandings in Bartering
their Goods; For the putting a Stop
thereto for the future, I do hereby
desire & require the said Unitas
Fratrum strictly every fair & gentle
means in their power, to prevent
the said Esquimaux Savages from
going to the Southward without first
obtaining their Permission in Writing
for so doing, and till such time as
their Settlement shall be formed &
extended down along the Coast.
Given &c. this 7th of May 1771.

By His Excellency's Command
T. O.

Signals

When I would Speak with the Captain or Commander of any of His Majesties Ships & Vessels undermentioned I will hoist a Broad a Pendant as against their Names) I with a Lieutenant I will make the same Signal and a Weft of the Ensign. And for a Boat with an Officer the Weft will be hoisted but half Staff.

Red	White	Blue	Place Where
Cleveland	Pearl	Panther	Main Top } To the Lt.
Arborough	Nautilus	Otter	Fore Top } To the Lt.
	Egmont	Grenville	Mizen } To the Lt.
	Schooner	Brig	

For all other Signals I refer you to the General Printed Sailing & Fighting Instructions Given me this 19th June 1771

By Command &c

H. O.

By the Hon.ble Jno. Byron
Commander &c.

Whereas the Station Assigned for His Majs Schooner under your command is from the Harbour of St Lawrence to Cape Ray, you are when you are upon that Station to Obey the following Instructions for your Guidance &c.

1st Whereas I am informed that many of the French Inhabitants of the Islands of St Pierre & Miquelon, immediately after the late Peace, did begin a Practice of resorting to, and wintering in several Places on the Coast of Newfoundland within your Station, when they Built Vessels, Boats & other Craft, inveigled & Robbed His Majesties Subjects. And that in the Fall and Early in the Spring they Cut down & carried away great Quantities of Timber for all uses & Rended the Harbours, Bays, Creeks & Islands, all along the Coast within your Station Notable Fish, particularly about the Bays of Placentia, Fortune & Despair, and to the Harbours Lamaline, Brunet Penguin

Penguin, Ramea & Burgeo where they also Rotted our Fishes of their Birds & other Bait. All w.ch being directly contrary to the Treaties subsisting between the two Crowns; an Encroachment on His Maj.ty Dominion over the Fisheries of His Subj.ts; You are hereby required & directed to prevent a renewal of these Encroachments, & to stop having been just Reasons for seizing all French Ships, Vessels or Boats, as you may at any time find Employed in those Stations.

And Whereas the Subjects of France from the said Islands of St Pierre & Miquelon, besides the aforementioned Encroachments, have been accustomed to resort in Boats along the Coasts of Newfoundland, to Interfere with the Inhabitants, to the Great prejudice of the Trade Manufactures & Navigation of this Kingdom. You are to be very diligent in looking after such Illicit Traders, and to Seize all French Vessels or Boats that you may meet with, Interfering or Fishing any where along the Coast within the said Islands of St Pierre & Miquelon, that is to say, such as are Fishing inwards from the said

Islands

Islands towards the Coast of Newfoundland.
But notwithstanding what is directed
in this and the preceding Articles, respecting
French Encroachers & Illicit Traders, you
are most strictly Charged not to give
the least Molestation or hindrance to
any French Fishers that you may meet
without the said Islands, (that is to say
Outwards from the said Islands tow.ds the
Ocean,) from proceeding to take Shelter
in those Islands. And you are to
allow them a Free Passage in and out
of their Ports, lying on that side of their
Islands w.ch is at tow.ds the Coast of
Newfoundland, according to the true
meaning of the 6th Article of the Treaty
of Paris in 1763, a Copy of w.ch you
will herewith receive.

3.d And Whereas I am informed that the
French at the said Islands St. Pierre &
Miquelon have had Supplies of Timber
in former years from Newfoundland,
by English Boats & Vessels, w.ch being
contrary to Law to Destroy or Cut
down any Wood in Newfoundland,
except for the uses of the Fishery, as
expressed in the Act of the 10th & 11th: of

William

William the Third; and as no Person has any Property therein nor a right to Export any Goods or Effects but such as shall be Laden or Loaden with Wood taken on board in Newfoundland & proceeding Directly Towards the said Islands: And with respect to such as may pretend to be carrying Wood from one Port to another in Newfoundland, for the use of the Fishery, You are not to permit them to proceed on such Pretence, if the said Islands lie in the way to or from the said Places they may pretend to be bound to.

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And Whereas You have received certain Intelligence that many French Ships & Vessels put into Little Bay and other Harbours between Cape Ray & La Poile within your Station, under pretence of being forced in by great Quantities of Ice, which Obstruct their Passage round that Cape, in their way to the Gulph & the Harbours to the Northward of Point Rich; with a design of Trading with the Indians, or carrying on a Fishery there: You are very Early in the Spring & at such other times as you shall find it convenient

convenient to call at Little Bay &
the other Harbours aforesaid, to visit the
ships of the South Nova Scotia or New. And in
case you shall find any, either Loading
or Fishing, you are to seize and send
them round to St. Johns, to be proceeded
against in the Vice Admiralty Court,
agreable to the Treaty of St. Germain
en Laye of March the 29th 1632, and
the 5th & 6th Articles of the American
Treaty, concluded at London Nov. 3d
1686, Copies of which Lieutt Lucwitt delivers
you; taking care to preserve all the
Books of Accounts, Papers, Licenses,
Commissions and Bills of Lading &c.
you shall find in such Vessels; and
that you bring along with you the Capt.
and Master or two or three of the
principal Officers to be examined
agreable to the 21st Article of the said Treaty.

5. All His Majs Subjects are by Law
strictly forbid from having any
Communication or Trade with the said
Islands of St Peters & Miquelon, as by
an Act passed in the 15th Year of the

Reign

Reign of His present Majty Cap: 15.

An Act for granting certain
entitled An Act for granting certain
Duties in the British Colonies & Plantns
in America &c. It is enacted to prevent
any Illicit Trade or Communication
between His Majty's Subjects in America
and the Subjects of the Crown of Spain
in the Islands of St Jno & Margarita,
and if any British Ship or Vessel shall
be found standing in to, or coming out
from either of the Islands, or hovering
or at Anchor within two Leagues of the
Coast thereof, or shall be discovered to
have taken any Goods or Merchandizes
on board at either of them, or to have been
there for that purpose, such Ship or
Vessel and all the Goods so taken in
her shall be forfeited & lost. You are
hereby directed and required to seize
all such Ships and Vessels as you
shall meet with offending against
the said Act, and send them to St
Johns to be proceeded against according
to Law

&c

6. All French Vessels or Boats you may
have cause to Seize in pursuance of
what is directed in any of the foregoing
Articles, for Encroaching, for Fishing
without their Limits, or for Illicit
Trade, you are to carry them to some
Place of safety, where they are to remain
till report is made home of the
Circumstances & Cause of Seizure. In
the mean time you are to be very carefull
there is no Loss, Waste or Embezzlement
of any of their Cargoes or Materials &
all French Subjects found in any
such French Vessels or Boats you
are as soon as possible to send on shore,
either on St. Pierre or Miquelon, keeping
for my examination the Masters of
Boats only. But with respect to such
as you shall take for Landing Coals
Wood &c. you are to send them all away,
keeping an Account of their Names &
the circumstances of their being taken,
to be laid before me. And all English
Vessels or Boats that you may have
cause of Seizing for Illicit Trade

or

or Communicating with the Islands
of St Pierre & Miquelon, you are to
send to St Johns to be proceeded against
according to Law; observing that after
Men of the People have been examined
in the Admiralty Court touching the
Cause of Seizure, all the Ships may go
when they please, and that no Vessels are to be Sold or disposed of, till
the Case has been laid before me.

7th Having a Practice with the English
& French Fishermen upon the Shore
Ground, to carry on an Illicit Trade,
by exchanging French Goods & Manufactures
& more particularly Brandy for Dried
Fish & Bait. And as this is chiefly
carried on during the Capling Season,
You are early in July to repair thither,
and in case of detecting any such Illicit
Traders, You are to proceed with them as
is herein directed with regard to other
Seizures. And you are carefully to observe
that according to Treaty, You are never
to Enter on board any French Ship or
Vessel, that you may have cause to
suspect, with more than two or three
Persons at a time at most.

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8th I Recommend it to you in all your Proceedings in the execution of the foregoing Articles, to be very careful to prevent any Cruel, unjust or Ill treatment to any of His Majesty's Subjects or to the Subjects of His Most Christian Majesty, and likewise to prevent any Embezzlement, Damage or Loss by your People, of any Goods or Effects, in any Vessels or Boats, that you may have occasion to Search, Seize or Detain.

9th In case you shall at any time receive any Letters or Messages from the Gov.r of St Pierre or from any other Officer or Subject of His Most Christian Majesty, you are to make no Return thereto, but that you will lay it before me as soon as possible, and that they may depend on my immediate Ans.r, and that in the mean time none of His Most Christian Majesty's Subjects will be Molested or Hurt, who are not found Encroaching or Otherwise Offending. But you are not to Enter into any Correspondence or reply to any Letters

pointing

points respecting the King's Service, upon which they may require your Aid.

10. You are to procure the exactest State you can of the present Inhabitants & Fishery at St Pierre and Miquelon, and of every thing relative to their proceedings at those Islands; particularly whether they have Landed or Mounted any Cannon, Raised any Forts, Batteries or Works, other than Buildings for the use of their Fishery; or if they have any Naval Establishment or Magazine of Naval Stores; whether the Guard of Soldiers for the Police exceeds fifty Men: All which together with any other enquiry Circumstance of their proceedings or designs, You are to transmit home as often as opportunity offers.

11. The Shallop at Grand Jarvis you are to take care of, and to employ as you may see convenient, in the Harbours and Bays along the Coast within your Station, and you are not to employ her upon any account about the Islands of St Pierre or Miquelon, but when

You

You are immediately in the Neighbourhood yourself, that is at Grand Jarvis or St Lawrence: Charging the Officer Commanding Her not to Land on Those Islands, but when you shall see occasion to send him Either or Purpose; &c You are hereby directed not to do but every Important occasion and when the Service may require it

12. If you should hear Any of the Micmack or Cape Breton Indians being upon the Coast within your Station, You are to endeavour to drive them away, and to order them to return to their own Country, agreeable to the Orders given them in the Year 1765; The Gov: of Halifax having Complained of their Landing here to fish in Newfoundd, and of their having held a Correspondence with the Inhabitants at the Islands of St Pierre and Miquelon.

13. It having been represented by several of the Adventurers to the Fishery in and about Fortune Bay that it will be

of great prejudice to them, if they are not permitted to send their Boats to fish on all the Banks within the Islands of St Peter and Miquelon, as their Voyages principally depend thereon, and — apprehending they are excluded thereupon, because those Banks lie within two Leagues of those Islands, and praying that they may be — permitted to fish there as usual". In ans. to the application they have been informed, that in order to preserve that Coast Fishery entire to our People — Notice has been given to the French that they will not be suffered to Dist the British Subjects of any part of the Fishery on that Coast and that they are not to send their Boats to fish any where between the said Islands and the Coast of Newfoundland, therefore conformably to this you are to permit our People to fish upon those Banks, and use your best endeavours to prevent any of them from having any dealings of any kind with the French; informing them that if they have

it

it will occasion restraints to be
laid on them all.

Given under my Hand
this of 1771

To Lieu.t Parker
of H.M. Egmont Schooner
By Command &c
J. M.

The same Paper that was given
with Mr Loaks Instructions last
Year, was delivered with these
except the Gov.r Deputation

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Commander &c

Whereas Lieu.t William Parker
is by Me appointed to command His
Maj.ty Schooner the Egmont in the
room of late Lieu.t Loak, You are
hereby required and directed forthwith
forthwith to go on board the said Schooner
and there take a strict and carefull
Survey on the remains of Provisions
Casks, Iron Hoops, Bricks, Bags, Oyl
Jars, Slops, Cloaths and Necessaries, &c.
You are to deliver into the Charge and
Custody of the said Lieutenant Parker.
Reporting to me from time to time under your Hand
an Account of your Proceedings. Given
under my Hand &c this of 1771

To
The Masters of His Maj.ty
Ships Panther and Egmont
Schooner and the Tender
Panther

By Command of the Commodore
J.o Williams Sec.r

Note. The same day Orders were given for a
Survey on the remains of Boatswains, Gunners and
Carpenters Stores of the above mentioned Schooner

To the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Commander &c.a

Whereas I intend to continue the Egmont
Schooner for the use of His Majesty to be
employed as an Armed Vessel on such
Service from time to time as shall be
think necessary: And the Right Hon.ble
the Lords Commiss.rs of the Admiralty
having directed my Warrant to be
Man'd, and to be supplied with
Provisions, Naval and Ordnance Stores
in the same manner as the Egmont
now was: You are hereby required &
directed forthwith to repair on board the said
Schooner and take the Charge and
command of her accordingly with Orders
You have already received for that purpose,
Bearing even Date herewith, and Muster
and Victual Man and Twenty seven
Men (including a Master one Surgeon
and one Midshipman) as her Complem.t
accordingly; and to take Charge of the
said Ordnance and Naval Stores &
Provisions as shall now be Delivered to
You upon Survey; as also all such as
You may hereafter receive on board the
said

said Schooner, which Stores and Provisions you are to Spend and Expend, agreable to the Rules of the Navy, Keeping a regular account thereof, in order to be Passed the same in the usual Method.

You are to use the utmost Dispatch in getting the said Schooner ready for the sea, and follow all such Orders and directions as you shall from time to time Receive from me, for the Kings Service.

Given under my Hand on board the Panther at St Johns, this 23d of July 1771.

To
Lieut Willm Parker
appointed to take
the Charge and command
of the Egmont Schooner.

By command of the Commodore.
T. W

To the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Commander &c.a

Whereas Lieut.t Parker has this present
Day by Letter of this days date,
that there is a Quantity of Cask &
Iron Hoops, which were delivered
to him lately upon Survey, much
decay'd and otherwise unfit for
Service, and desiring a Survey thereon.
You are hereby required and directed
to repair forthwith on board the said
Schooner and there take a strict and
carefull Survey on the Cask and Iron
Hoops complained of, and if condemned,
You are to cause them to be taken
Custody of the said Lieut.t Parker, to
be returned into His Majesties Stores
Reporting home from under your Hand,
an Attest of your proceedings. Given

under

under my Hand on board His Majs
Ship Panther, at Anchor, this 26th
day of July 1771.

To
The Master & Purser
of His Majesties Ship
Panther, and the Master
of the Egmont.

By Command of the Commodore

The same day an Order was given for
a Survey on the Boatswains, Carpenters
and Gunners Stores of the abovementioned
Schooner.

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Commander &c.

Whereas Captain Hawker of His
Majesties Ship Alborough having
informed me by Letter of the 16 inst.
that you are well qualified to do the
Duty of Sailmaker onboard the said
Ship and desiring I will grant you
a Warrant for the same. I do thereby
Hereby Constitute and Appoint you
Sailmaker of His Majesties Ship
Alborough accordingly; taking care that
you do the duty of that Employment
as becometh you and be Obedient to
and follow all such Orders and
directions as you shall from time to
time receive from your Captain or
other your Superior Officer; For which
this shall be your Warrant.

Given &c.a this 26.th July 1771.

To J.o Hill
hereby Appointed Sailmaker
of His Majs.ty Ship Alborough
By Command of the Commodore
J. M.

By the Honble John Byron
Commander &c.

Capt Gayton of His Majesties Ship
Panther having represented to me by Letter
of this days date that there is onboard
her a Quantity of Beer, Butter and Cheese
stinking, Mouldy, Rotten and not
fit for Mens Eat and Stunk & Stinking
Savy there; You are hereby required
and directed to take a Strict and
Carefull Survey on the said Beer, Butter &
Cheese Complained & reporting to
me from under your hands the
Condition thereof, from whence
and when the same was put on
board, and if Condemned you are
to Sell the Beer and Cheese Throw
Overboard and to leave the Butter in Charge of the Purser to be
Stowed into Casks and Stowed in the Hold. For so doing this
shall be your Order. Given &c. this 13th
Augt 1741

To the Master, Boatswain
and Gunner of His Maj^s
Ship Panther.

By Command &c.
J. B.

To the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron,
Commander &c.a

Captain Gayton of His Maj.ty Ship
Panther, having represented to me by
Letter of this days date, that Rear
Admiral Spry Commander in Chief
of His Majesties Ships at Plymouth,
by an Order of yesterdays date, directed
Wm.m James Palmer Carpenter of the
Panther, to do Duty as Carpenter of His
Majesties Ship Argo, and Wm.m
William Thomas Carpenter of that
Ship, to be Carpenter of His Maj.ty
Ship Panther, 'till further Order,
and the Wind being fair for His
proceeding to Sea, and not being
able to obtain for an Order from
the said Rear Admiral to have
the Carpenters Stores remaining on
board the Panther Surveyed, and
desiring I will grant an Order for

That

that purpose, You are hereby required
and directed to take a strict and
diligent Survey on the Carpenters
Stores remaining on board; & to
You are to deliver into the Charge
and Custody of William Thorne
the succeeding Carpenter, a compt
Reporting how from under
your hands on account of your
proceedings. Given &c. this 25.
June 1771.

To Master &
Boatswain of His
Majesties Ship Panther,
and all Masters Mates
of the Panther.

By Command of the Commodore

By the Hon.ble John Byron,
Commander &c.

Whereas a Blockhouse is Established
at Pitts Harbr in Chateaux Bay on the
East Coast of Labrador with a Guard of two &
Twenty Men, and Victualled by the Season
of the Antelope up to the 31st of August
inclusive, for the Protection of His Majs
Subjects Employed in the Fisheries,
as well from the Banditti Crews from
the Colonies as the Native Savages —
In Gratitude that Country, and their
Craft and other Effects from being Burnt
and destroyed during the Winter —
Season; You will herewith receive
a List of those Men, and you are
hereby required and directed to proceed
to Chateaux and Relieve them when
Relieved by the Petty Officers and Nineteen
Men Named in the Margin hereof, who
will be sent from the Panther on
His Majestys Sloop under your
command for that purpose, and you

are

are to cause your Purser to receive from
the Purser of the Panther Provisions
and Necessaries to serve the said Men
for Twelve Kalender Months after
they shall be so listed in the before mentioned
Sort, taking care to victual them as your
Ships Company are victualled, during
their Passage thither, for which the
Purser of the Panther is to account
with your Purser on your return hither
again; and with respect to the Men
that are now to be relieved, as they are
supplied with Provisions to the 31st of
next Month inclusive, you are to cause
the Agent Victualler to deliver
to your Purser a proportionable quantity
of the same to serve them up to that
time, and which is to be issued to the
said Men accordingly. You are to use
the utmost dispatch in performing this
service, and then return hither without loss of
time. Given &c this 31st July 1771

By Command &c

31st July 1771 Appointed Mr Thomas Tingey to Command the Fort and Garison in Chaticks Bay on the Coast of Labrador and gave him the same Instructions as were given to Mr Allen Ged last Year, with a Commission of the Peace.

Ditto —— Appointed William —— Penny Sailmaker of His Majesties Sloop Nautilus. ——

Tipford
Penny
and
Cooper
Williams

2d Aug.t An Order was given to Capt. Jones to discharge the Persons Named in the Margin into the Panther from the Supernumerary List of His Majesties Sloop Nautilus under his command, and to discharge 2 Mr Hopkins from the said List and enter him as part of her Compliment. The same day an Order was given to him to discharge John Anderson into the Panther.

Tipford
Hibbard
Cooper
Williams
Hopkins

An Order was given to Capt. Jones of the Nautilus Sloop to bear the Persons Named in the Margin a Supernumerary List for Victuals only. The two first from the 24th June 1771 & the three last from the 25th D.o being Volunteers for the Panther.

By the Hon.ble Jo.h Byron,
Commander &c.

You are hereby required & directed
as soon as the Fishing Season is over & you have compleated
the Schemes of the Fishery & shall have Convoy with you
to take under your Convoy such
Fishing Ships and Vessels as shall
be ready & desirous to accompany
You and proceed with his Majt.
Ships under your Command to
Lisbon, when you are to remain
not exceeding one and twenty days
and then taking under your Convoy
such of the Trade as shall be ready
& willing to accompany You, You are
to proceed to Portsmouth and
acquaint the Secretary of the
Admiralty with your
Arrival.

Given under my
hand &c. this 13th. of Aug.
1771

By Command &c.

By the Hon.ble Jno Byron,
Commander &c.

You are hereby required & directed to cause the Warrant Officers of His Majesties Ship under your command to Deliver to the Commander of His Majesties Schooner the Egmont, the Stores & Provisions hereundermentioned &c.

Boatswain

Cables of 9 Inches 5/12, one for standing Rigging
Hawser ——— 4 Inches 1/2 four hundred Ft
Oar ——— One Pound
Ropes of { 2 Inches 1/2 Two Hundred & Eight —
2 1/2 Two hundred & Eighteen
1 1/2 Three hundred & Twenty four
3/4 Six hundred & Eight } Coil Lines
Blocks of 10 Inches ——— One
Do. of 8 ——— One
Cables of 6 Inches ——— One
Shawsers of 4 ——— One
Buckets Iron Bound — Three
Fids Splicing ——— One
Shovels Steel Shod — Six
Hammocks — Twelve

Lines

Lines { Deepsea — One
Hand — Three
Log — Three

Marble (White) — Twelve Pairs

Glasses { Watch — one
Half Watch — one
Quarter Minute one

Needles { Bolt — Three
Sail — six

Leads { Deepsea — one
Hand — Two

Leather Buckets — one
Stone Grindstones — one
Cars Boat — six

Carpenters

Oakham Black — Thirty Pounds
Ob Iron — Two hundred Thirty Pounds
Tallow — Thirty Pounds
Rosen — Four Jars
Lanters — Hand — two
Pitch — two Barrels
Thrums — Three Pounds
Iron Ballast — Three Tons
Leather — Quarter Back

Guns

Gunners

Mates — { Musquet — fifty six
Pistol — fifty six

Powder — { Musquet — Twenty four
Pistol — Twelve

Paper Cartridges — 12 pounders — One hundred
Sheep Skins — one
Match — twenty Eight pounds
Tow Paper — Two Reams
Oil — one Quart

Purser.

Beef — Four hundred & forty two pieces
Pork — Three hundred & thirty six pieces
Peas — Three Quarters of a hundred Wt
Flour — Three hundred & seventeen pounds
Oatmeal — Eight Bushels
Peas — Eight Bushels

Taking proper receipts for the same. Given &c. This 9th of Augt 1771

To
Captain Clayton
Commd. of His Majs
Sloop — Panther
By Command of the Commodore

To the South Sea Ships
Commander &c.

You are hereby required & directed
to receive from the Warrant Officers
of His Majs Ship Panther the Provisions
& Stores undermentioned Viz.

Boatswains

Cables of 2 Inches 3/4 One for Standing Rigging
Junk ——— Four Pounds
Tar ——— One Barrel
Rope of 3 Inches 3/4 Three Pounds & Eight
2 1/2 Two Pounds & Eighteen
1 1/2 Three Pounds & Twenty four
3/4 One Pound & Eight
Blocks of 10 Inches ——— Two
Do. of 8 ——— One
Cables of 6 1/2 ——— One
Hawsers of 4 ——— One
Buckets Iron Bound ——— Three
Fids Splicing ——— One
Mauls Steel Shod ——— Six
Hammocks ——— Twelve
Lines Deepsea ——— One
Hand ——— Three
Log ——— Three
Marlin Whited ——— Twelve Skains

Glazier

Glasses { Watch — one
Half Watch — one
Quarter Minute — one

Needles { Bolt — three
Sail — six

Lead, { Deep — one
Hand — two

Leather Buckets — one

Stone Grindstones — one

Pass Boat — six

Carpenters

Oakum — Black — Thirty pounds
Old Iron — Two hundred thirty pds
Tallow — Thirty pounds
Stores — Four Jars
Lanters Hand — two
Pitch — two Barrels
Thrums — Three pounds
Iron Ballast — Three Tons
Leather Quarter Basket —

Gunners

Flints { Musquet — fifty six
Pistol — fifty six

Cartridges { Musquet — twenty five
Pistol — Twelve

Paper

Proper Cartridges — 12 Pounders — One hundred
Sheep Skins ——— one
Match ——— Twenty Eight lbs
Sheet Paper ——— two Quires
Oil ——— One Quart

Provisions

Beef — Four hundred & forty two pieces
Pork — Two hundred & thirty six pieces
Cheese — Three Quarters of a hundred lbs
Flour — Three hundred & seventeen pounds
Oatmeal — Eight Bushels
Peas — Eight Bushels

Giving the respective Orders —
Proper receipts for the same Given
this 3 May 1771

To
Lieut Parker
Commander of His Maj.
Schooner the
Egmont

By Command of the Commodore
J. W.

To the Honble Jn.° Byron,
Commander &c.

Whereas you have represented to
me by Letter of the 16th inst. that there
is a quantity of Boatswains &
Carpenters Stores on board the Egmont
Sloop under your Command &c.
have been Condemned by Survey, and
are a great number on board, &
liable of being lost, You are hereby
required and directed to deliver the
said Stores to the Care and Custody
of the Boatswain and Carpenter
of His Majesties Ship Panther
(who has directions to receive them)
in order to their being returned into
the Kings Stores on her Arrival
in England, sending with them a
Report of the Survey by &c. They are
Each and Either, Proper Receipts of

the

the said Officers for the same.

Given under my Hand
on board His Majt. Panther
at St. Johns, this 12. of
Augt. 1771

To
Lieut. Parker
Commander of His
Majt. Schooner
Lynnet.

By Command of the Commodore.

An Order was given the same day to Capt. Gayton
to cause the Boatswn & Carpenter of the Panther to
receive the Stores mentioned in the foregoing Order on
their Com & Credit, ——— in order to return the same
into the Kings Stores in the Panther's arrival in England —

By the Hon.ble Jer.h Pyne
Commander &c. ———

Whereas you have represented to me
by Letter of the 10. inst. That the ———
Warrant Officers of His Majesties ———
Ship Panther cannot furnish you with
several Articles which will be wanted
for Careening, and fitting the Lynnet
Schooner under your Command for
the Sea, and desiring I will give ———

You

You directions to purchase the same at St. Johns. You are therefore hereby required and directed to purchase such Stores and Materials as may be wanted for the aforementioned purpose, taking Care to get them as cheap as possible and to draw Bills on the Commrs. of the Navy for the Amount thereof, sending proper Vouchers for the same.

Given &c. this 12th of Augt. 1774

To
Lieut. Parker
Commander of His
Majesty's Schooner
Gaspee
&
Commander of the Armed Vessels.

J. M

By the Hon.ble Geo.e Byron,
Commander &c.

You are hereby required & directed to receive the two Officers named in the Margin together with such Cloathing as they shall put on board the Schooner under your Command belonging to the Ens.e 60th Soldiers in Garrison at Placentia & proceed without loss of time to Water; when after having landed the said Officers and Cloathing you are to make the best of your way to Hartons Bretons or Grand Bank in quest of His Majesties Ship Colby and deliver the inclosed Letter to Captain Bennett her Commander, & then proceed on — to when you are to deliver the Letter addressed to the Hon.ble Captain Gower of His Majesties Ship Niger, but in case she shall not be at that Port and you can gain no certain Intelligence of meeting with him in a few days, you are to leave the said Letter with some careful

trusty

Instr Person to be delivered to him
upon his arrival there. When you shall
have performed this Service you are to
proceed and Cruize off the Islands
of St. Pierre and Miquelon agreable
to the Instructions you will receive
receive taking care to return here
by the middle of next Month.

Given &c. This 13th Augt.
1771

J.
Lieut. Parker
of the Egmont Schooner

By Command of the Commodore
J. W.

By the Honble Jn. Byron
Commander.

Whereas you have represented to me
by Letter of the 11th inst. that the Boat
belonging to His Majesties Schooner
under your command is only a small
Newfoundland Skift purchased by
W. Cook (your predecessor) is unfit
and is entirely unfit for the Service
desiring I will grant an Order for your

being

being supplied with one of Eighteen but, four are therefore hereby required and directed to purchase one of the above dimensions at this place taking care to get her as cheap as possible and draw Bills on the Commiss.r of the Navy for the amount of her. —

Given &c. 13th Augt. 1771

To
Lieut. Parker
of the Egmont Schooner

By &c. 1771

By His Excellency Wm. Hamilton —
Jno. Byron Gov.r &c. —

Whereas it has been represented to
the King that great disorders have
been committed at the Magdalen —
Islands within my Government by crews
of Vessels from New England, and
other parts of N.r America both great
annoyance & prejudice of the Fishery
Fishery of those Islands, and &c. if

not

not prevented will totally destroy the same; You are hereby required and directed to take the most effectual measures for preventing such Abuses, as may distress or destroy the said Fishery, and that you do not suffer any Persons whatever to Establish themselves on the said Islands, or carry on the said Seal or Fishery without Licence from me, upon their agreeing to pay such consideration by way of Rent to His Majesty for the same as I shall judge adequate to the advantage of the Colonies right to carry on so beneficial a Fishery & consistent with its nature to be carried on in any other manner.

Given under my Hand &c.
this 12th of August 1771

To
Capt Lyons
Commanding His
Majesty's Ship
Rose.

By Command &c
J. M.

By the Honble Jno. Byron
Command. &c. —

Whereas Lieutenant William Parker
is appointed to command the —
Egmont Schooner at Newfoundland,
You are therefore hereby required and
directed to receive him onboard His
Majs. Ship under your command &
give him a Passage Hither, leaving
him on a Supernumerary List for —
Victuals only during his continuance
onboard. Given &c. 16th May 1771. —

J. B

To
Capt Clayton
of His Majs. Ship
Carcass

By Command &c.
J. M.

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron
Commander.

You are hereby required & directed
to proceed with His Majesty's sloop
under your command to St Marys,
and after watering the necessary
Provisions there, by Virtue of your
Commission & my Deputation,
are to make the best of your way to Ingraham
& Maryland & the Bay of Bulls, & after
expediting the business at these
places in the manner as you are
above directed with respect to St
Marys, You are to proceed without
loss of time to Plym.o, and acquaint
the Secretary of the Admiralty &
myself of your Arrival. —

Given &c. the 29th August
1771. —

J. B.

To
Capt. Jones
Commander of His Maj.s
Ship the
Nautilus

By Command of the Commodore.
J. M

By the Hon.ble Jo.s Byron,
Commander &c.

Whereas the Men named in
the Margin having been sent from
His Maj.ty Ship Alborough to York
Wm Jeffery
B. Connelly
Leon Best } Fort on the Coast of Labrador

You are hereby
required and directed to receive the
Men on board His Maj.ty Sloop
under your Command & give them
a Passage to Plymouth, Bearing
them on a Supernumerary List for
Victuals only until you have an
Opportunity of sending them to their
proper Ship.

Given &c. this 13.th of Aug.t
1771

To
Capt.n Jones
Commander of His Maj.ty
Sloop the Nautilus

J. B.

By Command of the Commodore
J. W

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron.
Commander &c.

Whereas you have represented to me by Letter of this days date, that the Necessaries for the Sick & Hurt Seamen & Marines of His Maj.s Sloop under your Command are Expended & the time for w.ch they were to serve Elapsed and desiring a further Supply. You are hereby required & directed to cause the Surgeon to purchase three Months Necessaries for her Complement. at the Rate of two pence a Man a Month, for w.ch you are to draw Bills on the Commissioners of the Navy, and take his receipt for your Voucher. Given &c. 28.th Aug.t 1771.

J. B.

To
Capt. Jones
Commander of His Maj.s
Sloop the Nautilus

By Command of the Commodore
J. W

By His Excellency the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron,
Gov.r

Whereas it hath been represented
to the King that great Disorders have
been committed at the Magdalen Islds
within my Government, by Crews of
Vessels fitted out from New England,
and other parts of N.t America to
the great annoyance & prejudice of the
Sea Cow Fishery of those Islands, w.ch
which if not prevented will totally
Destroy the same & His Maj.ty having
been pleased to direct me to take the
most effectual measures for preventing
such Abuses in future, Therefore in
Obedience to the Kings Commands
I hereby Order & direct that all His
Subjects arriving with Vessels on
the Coast of the abovementioned Islds
do not on any wise Disturb or
Destroy the said Sea Cows without
Licence from me, or they will answ.r

the

the contrary at their Peril.

Given &c. at St. Johns,
this 29th Augt 1771

By His Excellency's Comm.d. J. P.
J. W

An Order dated the 29th August 1771, was given to Captain Jones of the Nautilus, to cause Thos. Carpenter to deliver to the Commander of York Fort the undermentioned Stores &c.

Nails { 30 / 20 / 24 / 10 } Penny ——— 3 / 4 / 7 / 6 } Pounds

and to take his receipt for the same.

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron,
Commander &c.a

Whereas I think it necessary that the Nine French Shallops which were Seized by the Officers of His Majesties Ships under your Command on the 13.th of last Month off of Point Ray for Fishing without the Limits prescribed by Treaty should be detained until His Majesties Pleasure shall be known concerning them You are therefore hereby required and directed to secure the said Shallops, or any of the Boats within your Station, in the manner that you shall Judge most proper accordingly.

Given under my Hand on board His Maj.ty Ship Lowther at St.t Johns this 5.th Sept.r 1771.

J. B.

To
Captain Rivers
Commander of His
Majesties Ships
Cork

By Command of the Commodore
J. W.

The above Order was delivered. But the Commodore directed Capt.n Bennett (Fourball) to deliver up the Shallops or Boats belonging to

By the Hnble John Byron Commander in
Chief &c

Whereas you have represented to me by your
Letter of this date that you were under the Necessity
of hiring two Shallops at four Guineas each
to send your Officers & Men in pursuit of the
several French Shallops which were found
fishing near the Coasts of this Island within
the Limits prescribed to them by Treaty, as
your Boats were not fit to proceed on that
Service, & desiring that I will grant you an
Order to draw Bills on the Commissioners
of His Majs Navy for the Sum of Three and Eleven
You are therefore hereby required & directed
to draw Bills to the amount of eight
Guineas ~~for the said~~ on the Navy Board for
the Use of the said Shallops accordingly.
Nothing else to transmit to them proper Orders
for the same

Given under my Hand on board
His Majs Ship Panther at St
Johns 31 Augt 1778

To
Capt Alexr Bennett
His Majs Ship
Boles

By the Hon.ble Jn.o Byron,
Commander &c.

Whereas you have represented to me by Letter of this ~~last~~ days date that the Necessaries for the Sick & Hurt Seamen & Marines of His Majesties Ship under your Command are Expended, & the Time for which they were to serve Elapsed, and during a further Supply; You are hereby required & directed to cause the Surgeon to purchase three Months Necessaries for the Completion of the Same & to draw Bills on the Commiss.rs of the Navy and take his receipts a Duplicate of the Accounts to clear your Imprest of the same

Given &c. this 21.st July 1771

To
Capt Langton
Commander of His Maj.s
Ship
Centurion

By Command &c.
J. W.

J. B.

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